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NB200 Series User's Guide

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- Toshiba's Support Web site
  pcsupport.toshiba.com
- Toshiba Customer Support Center
  Calling within the United States (800) 457-7777
  Calling from outside the United States (949) 859-4273

For more information, see "If Something Goes Wrong" on page 129 in this guide.

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⚠WARNING Handling the cord on this product will expose you to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. ***Wash hands after handling***.

Model: NB200 Series

Recordable and/or ReWritable Drive(s) and Associated Software Warranty

The computer system you purchased may include Recordable and/or ReWritable optical media drive(s) and associated software, among the most advanced data storage technologies available. As with any new technology, you must read and follow all set-up and usage instructions in the applicable user guides and/or manuals enclosed or provided electronically. If you fail to do so, this product may not function properly and you may lose data or suffer other damage. TOSHIBA AMERICA INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("TOSHIBA"), ITS AFFILIATES AND SUPPLIERS DO NOT WARRANT THAT OPERATION OF THE PRODUCT WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR FREE. YOU AGREE THAT TOSHIBA, ITS AFFILIATES AND SUPPLIERS SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF ANY BUSINESS, PROFITS, PROGRAMS, DATA, NETWORK SYSTEMS OR REMOVABLE STORAGE MEDIA ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THE PRODUCT, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY THEREOF.

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The computer you have purchased is not designed for any "critical applications." "Critical applications" means life support systems, medical applications, connections to implanted medical devices, commercial transportation, nuclear facilities or systems or any other applications where product failure could lead to injury to persons or loss of life or catastrophic property damage.

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FCC Notice "Declaration of Conformity Information"

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, it may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

NOTE Only Peripherals complying with the FCC Class B limits may be attached to this equipment. Operation with noncompliant peripherals or peripherals not recommended by Toshiba is likely to result in interference to radio and TV reception. Shielded cables must be used between the external devices and the computer's ports. Changes or modifications made to this equipment not expressly approved by Toshiba or parties authorized by Toshiba could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference.
- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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- Or call the Toshiba Customer Support Center:

  Within the United States at (800) 457-7777

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Industry Canada Requirement

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conformé à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

Wireless Interoperability

The TOSHIBA Wireless LAN Mini PCI Card products are designed to be interoperable with any wireless LAN product that is based on Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) radio technology, and is compliant to:

- The IEEE 802.11 Standard on Wireless LANs (Revision A/B/G), as defined and approved by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.
- The Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi®) certification as defined by the Wi-Fi Alliance. The "Wi-Fi CERTIFIED" logo is a certification mark of the Wi-Fi Alliance.

CAUTION *Bluetooth*® and Wireless LAN devices operate within the same radio frequency range and may interfere with one another. If you use *Bluetooth* and Wireless LAN devices simultaneously, you may occasionally experience a less than optimal network performance or even lose your network connection.

If you should experience any such problem, immediately turn off your *Bluetooth* or Wireless LAN device.

Please contact Toshiba computer product support on Web site http://www.toshiba-europe.com/computers/tnt/bluetooth.htm in Europe or pcsupport.toshiba.com in the United States for more information.

Wireless LAN and Your Health

Wireless LAN products, like other radio devices, emit radio frequency electromagnetic energy. The level of energy emitted by Wireless LAN devices however is far much less than the electromagnetic energy emitted by wireless devices like for example mobile phones.

Because Wireless LAN products operate within the guidelines found in radio frequency safety standards and recommendations, TOSHIBA believes Wireless LAN is safe for use by consumers. These standards and recommendations reflect the consensus of the scientific community and result from deliberations of panels and committees of scientists who continually review and interpret the extensive research literature.

In some situations or environments, the use of Wireless LAN may be restricted by the proprietor of the building or responsible representatives of the organization. These situations may for example include:

- Using the Wireless LAN equipment on board airplanes, or
- In any other environment where the risk of interference to other devices or services is perceived or identified as harmful.

If you are uncertain of the policy that applies on the use of wireless devices in a specific organization or environment (e.g. airports), you are encouraged to ask for authorization to use the Wireless LAN device prior to turning on the equipment.

CAUTION Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation

The radiated output power of the TOSHIBA Wireless LAN Mini PCI Card is far below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, the TOSHIBA Wireless LAN Mini PCI Card shall be used in such a manner that the potential for human contact during normal operation is minimized. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Regulatory Information

The TOSHIBA Wireless LAN Mini PCI Card must be installed and used in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions as described in the user documentation that comes with the product. This device complies with the following radio frequency and safety standards.

Canada – Industry Canada (IC)

This device complies with RSS 210 of Industry Canada.

CAUTION The installer of this radio equipment must ensure that the antenna is located or pointed such that it does not emit RF field in excess of Health Canada limits for the general population; consult Safety Code 6, obtainable from Health Canada's Web site www.hc-sc.gc.ca/rpb. The RF device shall not be co-located with any other transmitter that has not been tested with this device.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of this device.

L' utilisation de ce dispositif est soumis aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) il ne doit pas produire de brouillage et (2) l'utilisateur du dispositif doit être prêt à accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique reçu, même s'il est susceptible de compromettre son fonctionnement.

The term "IC" before the equipment certification number only signifies that the Industry Canada technical specifications were met.

To prevent radio interference to the licensed service, this device is intended to be operated indoors and away from windows to provide maximum shielding. Equipment (or its transmit antenna) that is installed outdoors is subject to licensing.

Pour empecher que cet appareil cause du brouillage au service faisant l'objet d'une licence, il doit etre utilize a l'interieur et devrait etre place loin des fenetres afin de Fournier un ecram de blindage maximal. Si le matriel (ou son antenne d'emission) est installe a l'exterieur, il doit faire l'objet d'une licence.

EU Declaration of Conformity

TOSHIBA declares that this product conforms to the following Standards:

CE

Supplementary Information: *The product complies with the requirements of the Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC, the EMC Directive 89/336/EEC and/or the R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC.

This product is carrying the CE-Mark in accordance with the related European Directives. The party responsible for CE-Marking is TOSHIBA Europe GmbH, Hammfelddamm 8, 41460 Neuss, Germany.

The European Union WEEE (Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Directive Information

The European Union WEEE (Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Directive is intended to protect the quality of the environment and human health through the responsible use of natural resources and the adoption of waste management strategies that focus on recycling and reuse. This Directive requires producers of electrical and electronic products put on the market in European Union (EU) member countries after August 2005 to mark such products with a crossed-out wheeled bin with a black bar symbol. If the product's battery or accumulator contains more than the specified values of lead (Pb), mercury (Hg), and/or cadmium (Cd) defined in the Battery Directive (2006/66/EC), then the chemical symbols for lead (Pb), mercury (Hg) and/or cadmium (Cd) will appear below the crossed out wheeled bin symbol on the battery.

Pb, Hg, Cd

In the European Union, these symbols indicate that when the last end user wishes to discard this product, it must be sent to appropriate facilities for recovery and recycling. This Directive applies to EU member countries only and does not apply to end users in other countries such as the United States.

Although the initial emphasis is in Europe, Toshiba is already working with design engineers, suppliers, and other partners to determine appropriate worldwide product life cycle planning and end-of-life strategies for our products. Please contact your local government for applicable laws and regulations governing the disposal of this product. For information on how to trade-in or recycle your product, visit www.reuse.toshiba.com.

VCCI Class B Information

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Taiwan

Article 14	Unless approved, for any model accredited low power radio frequency electric machinery, any company, trader or user shall not change the frequency, increase the power or change the features and functions of the original design.
Article 17	Any use of low power radio frequency electric machinery shall not affect aviation safety and interfere with legal communications. In the event interference is caused, the use of such electric machinery shall be immediately discontinued. Operation of such products can be resumed only when they are modified and can no longer cause interference.

The legal communications mentioned in the above item refer to radio communications operated in accordance with telecommunication laws and regulations.

Low power radio frequency electric machinery shall resist against interference from legal communications or from industrial, scientific and medical radio emission electric machinery.

Using this Equipment in Japan

In Japan, the frequency bandwidth of 2,400 MHz to 2,483.5 MHz for second generation low-power data communication systems such as this equipment overlaps that of mobile object identification systems (premises radio station and specified low-power radio station).

1. Sticker

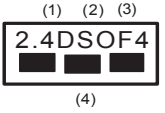
Please put the following sticker on devices incorporating this product.

The frequency bandwidth of this equipment may operate within the same range as industrial devices, scientific devices, medical devices, microwave ovens, licensed radio stations and non-licensed specified low-power radio stations for mobile object identification systems (RFID) used in factory product lines (Other Radio Stations).

1. Before using this equipment, ensure that it does not interfere with any of the equipment listed above.
2. If this equipment causes RF interference to other radio stations, promptly change the frequency being used, change the location of use, or turn off the source of emissions.
3. Contact TOSHIBA Direct PC if you have problems with interference caused by this product to Other Radio Stations.

2. Indication

The indication shown below appears on this equipment.



1 2.4: This equipment uses a frequency of 2.4 GHz.

2 DS: This equipment uses DS-SS modulation.

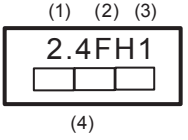
OF: This equipment uses OFDM modulation.

3 The interference range of this equipment is less than 40m.

4 ■■■ This equipment uses a frequency bandwidth from 2,400 MHz to 2,483.5 MHz.

It is possible to avoid the band of mobile object identification systems.

The indication shown below appears on this equipment.



1 2.4: This equipment uses a frequency of 2.4 GHz.

2 FH: This equipment uses FH-SS modulation.

3 The interference range of this equipment is less than 10m.

4 This equipment uses a frequency bandwidth from 2,400 MHz to 2,483.5 MHz.

3. TOSHIBA Direct PC

Monday – Friday: 10:00 – 17:00

Toll Free Tel: 0120-15-1048

Direct Dial: 03-3457-4850

Fax: 03-3457-4868

Device Authorization

This device obtains the Technical Regulation Conformity Certification and the Technical Conditions Compliance Approval, and it belongs to the device class of radio equipment of low-power data communication system radio station stipulated in the Radio Law and the Telecommunications Business Law of Japan.

The name of the radio equipment: refer to the equipment label provided on the computer

Approved by both the JAPAN APPROVALS INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT and the TELECOM ENGINEERING CENTER

The following restrictions apply:

- Do not disassemble or modify the device.
- Do not install the embedded wireless module into other device.

Radio Approvals for Wireless Devices

NOTE The following information is dependent on what type of wireless device is in your computer. Not all devices are available on all models.

Approved Countries/Regions for the Artheros Wireless Wi-Fi® Link AR5B95 Series

This equipment is approved to the radio standard by the countries/regions in the following table.

CAUTION Do not use this equipment except in the countries/regions in the following table.

Albania	Australia	Austria
Azerbaijan	Bahrain	Bangladesh
Belgium	Bolivia	Bosnia
Brazil	Brunei	Bulgaria
Cambodia	Canada	Chile
China	Colombia	Croatia
Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark
Dominican Republic	Ecuador	Egypt
El Salvador	Estonia	Finland
France	Germany	Ghana
Greece	Guatemala	Herzegovina
Hong Kong	Hungary	Iceland
India	Indonesia	Iraq
Ireland	Italy	Japan
Kazakhstan	Kuwait	Kyrgyzstan
Latvia	Lebanon	Lesotho
Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg
Macedonia	Malaysia	Malta
Mexico	Monaco	Montenegro
Mozambique	Nambia	Nepal
Netherlands	New Zealand	Nicaragua
Nigeria	Norway	Papua New Guinea

Peru	Philippines	Poland
Portugal	Puerto Rico	Qatar
Romania	Russia	Saudi Arabia
Senegal	Serbia	Singapore
Slovak Republic	Slovenia	South Africa
South Korea	Spain	Sri Lanka
Sweden	Switzerland	Taiwan
Thailand	Turkey	UAE (United Arab Emirates)
Ukraine	United Kingdom	Uruguay
USA	Venezuela	Vietnam
Yemen	Zimbabwe	

Europe - Restrictions for use of 2.4 GHz Frequencies in European Community Countries

België/ Belgique:	For private usage outside buildings across public grounds over less than 300m no special registration with IBPT/BIPT is required. Registration to IBPT/BIPT is required for private usage outside buildings across public grounds over more than 300m. For registration and license please contact IBPT/BIPT.
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	Dans le cas d'une utilisation privée, à l'extérieur d'un bâtiment, au-dessus d'un espace public, aucun enregistrement n'est nécessaire pour une distance de moins de 300m. Pour une distance supérieure à 300m un enregistrement auprès de l'IBPT est requise. Pour les enregistrements et licences, veuillez contacter l'IBPT.
Deutschland:	License required for outdoor installations. Check with reseller for procedure to follow.
	Anmeldung im Outdoor-Bereich notwendig, aber nicht genehmigungspflichtig. Bitte mit Händler die Vorgehensweise abstimmen.
France:	Restricted frequency band: only channels 1 to 7 (2400 MHz and 2454 MHz respectively) may be used outdoors in France. Please contact A.R.T. (http://www.art-telecom.fr) for applicable procedures to follow.
	Bande de fréquence restreinte: seuls les canaux 1- 7 (2400 et 2454 MHz respectivement) doivent être utilisés endroits extérieur en France. Vous pouvez contacter l'Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications (http://www.art-telecom.fr) pour la procédure à suivre.
Italia:	License required for indoor use. Use with outdoor installations not allowed.

	È necessaria la concessione ministeriale anche per l'uso interno. Verificare con i rivenditori la procedura da seguire.
Nederland:	License required for outdoor installations. Check with reseller for procedure to follow.
	Licentie verplicht voor gebruik met buitenantennes. Neem contact op met verkoper voor juiste procedure.

Bluetooth® Wireless Technology Interoperability

Bluetooth® Cards from TOSHIBA are designed to be interoperable with any product with *Bluetooth* wireless technology that is based on Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS) radio technology, and is compliant to:

- *Bluetooth* Specification as defined and approved by The *Bluetooth* Special Interest Group.
- Logo certification with *Bluetooth* wireless technology as defined by The *Bluetooth* Special Interest Group.

CAUTION

Bluetooth wireless technology is a new innovative technology, and TOSHIBA has not confirmed compatibility of its *Bluetooth* products with all computers and/or equipment using *Bluetooth* wireless technology other than TOSHIBA portable computers.

Always use *Bluetooth* cards from TOSHIBA in order to enable wireless networks over two or more (up to a total of seven) TOSHIBA portable computers using these cards. Please contact TOSHIBA computer product support on Web site http://www.toshiba-europe.com/computers/tnt/bluetooth.htm in Europe or pcsupport.toshiba.com in the United States for more information.

When you use *Bluetooth* cards from TOSHIBA close to 2.4 GHz Wireless LAN devices, *Bluetooth* transmissions might slow down or cause errors. If you detect certain interference while you use *Bluetooth* cards from TOSHIBA, always change the frequency, move your computer to the area outside of the interference range of 2.4 GHz Wireless LAN devices (40 meters/43.74 yards or more) or stop transmitting from your computer. Please contact TOSHIBA computer product support on Web site http://www.toshiba-europe.com/computers/tnt/bluetooth.htm in Europe or pcsupport.toshiba.com in the United States for more information.

Bluetooth and Wireless LAN devices operate within the same radio frequency range and may interfere with one another. If you use *Bluetooth* and Wireless LAN devices simultaneously, you may occasionally experience a less than optimal network performance or even lose your network connection. If you should experience any such problem, immediately turn off either one of your *Bluetooth* or Wireless LAN. Please contact Toshiba computer product support on Web site http://www.toshiba-europe.com/computers/tnt/bluetooth.htm in Europe or pcsupport.toshiba.com in the United States for more information.

Approved Countries/Regions for use (*Bluetooth*® wireless technology)

Bluetooth® Card from Toshiba equipment is approved to the radio standard by the countries/regions in the following table.

CAUTION Do not use this equipment except in the countries/regions in the following table.

Argentina	Australia	Austria
Belgium	Bulgaria	Canada
Chile	China	Cyprus
Czech Republic	Denmark	Egypt
Estonia	Finland	France
Germany	Greece	Hong Kong
Hungary	Iceland	Ireland
Italy	Japan	Jordan
Korea	Kuwait	Latvia
Lebanon	Liechtenstein	Lithuania
Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands
New Zealand	Norway	Oman
Peru	Philippines	Poland
Portugal	Singapore	Slovakia
Slovenia	Spain	Sweden
Switzerland	Thailand	UK
Uruguay	USA	Venezuela

Bluetooth® Wireless Technology and Your Health

The products with *Bluetooth*® wireless technology, like other radio devices, emit radio frequency electromagnetic energy. The level of energy emitted by devices with *Bluetooth* wireless technology however is much less than the electromagnetic energy emitted by wireless devices such as mobile phones.

Because products with *Bluetooth* wireless technology operate within the guidelines found in radio frequency safety standards and recommendations, TOSHIBA believes *Bluetooth* wireless technology is safe for use by consumers. These standards and recommendations reflect the consensus of the scientific community and result from deliberations of panels and committees of scientists who continually review and interpret the extensive research literature.

In some situations or environments, the use of *Bluetooth* wireless technology may be restricted by the proprietor of the building or responsible representatives of the organization. These situations may for example include:

- Using the equipment with *Bluetooth* wireless technology on board airplanes, or
- In any other environment where the risk of interference to other devices or services is perceived or identified as harmful.

If you are uncertain of the policy that applies on the use of wireless devices in a specific organization or environment (e.g. airports), you are encouraged to ask for authorization to use the device with *Bluetooth* wireless technology prior to turning on the equipment.

CAUTION Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation

The radiated output power of the *Bluetooth* Card from TOSHIBA is far below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, the *Bluetooth* Card from TOSHIBA shall be used in such a manner that the potential for human contact during normal operation is minimized.

Regulatory statements

This product complies with any mandatory product specification in any country/region where the product is sold. In addition, the product complies with the following:

European Union (EU) and EFTA

This equipment complies with the R&TTE directive 1999/5/EC and has been provided with the CE mark accordingly.

Canada — Industry Canada (IC)

This device complies with RSS 210 of Industry Canada.

Taiwan

Article 14	Unless approved, for any model accredited low power radio frequency electric machinery, any company, trader or user shall not change the frequency, increase the power or change the features and functions of the original design.
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The legal communications mentioned in the above item refer to radio communications operated in accordance with telecommunication laws and regulations.

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Introduction

Welcome to the world of portable, multimedia computing. With your Toshiba computer, your entertainment can accompany you wherever you go. Using the installed wireless technology, you can check email, enjoy streaming music or video, make calls with VOIP (Voice Over IP), or stay up-to-date with your favorite Web pages.

Your computer model may be ENERGY STAR® compliant. If the model you purchased is compliant, it is labeled with the ENERGY STAR® logo on the computer and the following information applies.

Toshiba is a partner in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR® Program and has designed this computer to meet the latest ENERGY STAR® guidelines for energy efficiency. Your computer ships with the power management options preset to a configuration that will provide the most stable operating environment and optimum system performance for both AC power and battery modes.

To conserve energy, your computer is set to enter the low-power Standby mode which shuts down the system and display within 15 minutes of inactivity in AC power mode. We recommend that you leave this and other energy saving features active, so that your computer will operate at its maximum energy efficiency. You can wake the computer from Standby mode by pressing the power button. See the "Mobile Computing" section of the Toshiba User's

Guide for more information on using power management settings to conserve computer energy.

According to the EPA, a computer meeting the new ENERGY STAR® specifications will use between 20% and 50% less energy depending on how it is used. If all U.S. household and businesses replaced old computers with new ENERGY STAR® qualified models, we would save more than $1.8 billion in energy costs over the next five years and avoid greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to more than 2.7 million cars.

If every computer purchased by businesses next year met the new ENERGY STAR® requirements, businesses would save more than $210 million over the lifetime of those models. That is equivalent to lighting 120 million square feet of U.S. commercial building space each year.

During 2006 Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR®, saved about $14 billion dollars on their utility bills and avoided greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 25 million vehicles.

Visit http://www.energystar.gov or http://www.energystar.gov/powermanagement for more information regarding the ENERGY STAR® Program.

NOTE This computer is compatible with European Union Directive 2002/95/EC, Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS), which restricts use of lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, PBB, and PBDE. Toshiba requires its computer component suppliers to meet RoHS requirements and verifies its suppliers' commitment to meeting RoHS requirements by conducting component sampling inspections during the product design approval process.

NOTE Certain Microsoft® software product(s) included with this computer may use technological measures for copy protection. IN SUCH EVENT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE PRODUCT IF YOU DO NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH THE PRODUCT ACTIVATION PROCEDURES. Product activation procedures and Microsoft's privacy policy will be detailed during initial launch of the product, or upon certain reinstallations of the software product(s) or reconfigurations of the computer, and may be completed by Internet or telephone (toll charges may apply).

Some software may differ from its retail version (if available), and may not include user manuals or all program functionality.

NOTE The product specifications and configuration information are designed for a product Series. Your particular model may not have all the features and specifications listed or illustrated. For more detailed information about the features and specifications on your particular model, please visit Toshiba's Web site at pcsupport.toshiba.com.

While Toshiba has made every effort at the time of publication to ensure the accuracy of the information provided herein, product specifications, configurations, prices, system/component/options availability are all subject to change without notice. For the most up-to-date product information about your computer, or to stay current with the various computer software or hardware options, visit Toshiba's Web site at pcsupport.toshiba.com.

This guide

This guide introduces the computer's features. You can:

- Read the entire guide from beginning to end.
- Skim through and stop when a topic interests you.
- Use the table of contents and the index to find specific information.

Safety icons

This manual contains safety instructions that must be observed to avoid potential hazards that could result in personal injuries, damage to your equipment, or loss of data. These safety cautions have been classified according to the seriousness of the risk, and icons highlight these instructions as follows:

⚠ DANGER	Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
⚠ WARNING	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
⚠ CAUTION	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.
CAUTION	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.
NOTE	Provides important information.

Other icons used

Additional icons highlight other helpful or educational information:

	TECHNICAL NOTE: This icon indicates technical information about the computer.
	HINT: This icon indicates helpful hints and tips.
	DEFINITION: This icon indicates the definition of a term used in the text.

Your computer's features and specifications

Certain computer chassis are designed to accommodate all possible configurations for an entire product Series. Your select model may not have all the features and specifications corresponding to all of the icons or switches shown on the computer chassis, unless you have selected all those features.

This information applies to all the features and icons described in this guide.

Below are examples of some of the many possible icons used on your computer:

(Sample Illustration) System icons

Other documentation

Your computer comes with the following documentation:

- An electronic version of the user's guide (this document)
- It may also contain guides for other programs that may come with your system.

For accessory information, visit Toshiba's Web site at accessories.toshiba.com.

Service options

Toshiba offers a full line of optional service programs to complement its standard limited warranty. Toshiba's standard limited warranty, extended warranty, and service upgrade terms and conditions are available at warranty.toshiba.com.

To stay current on the most recent software and hardware options for your computer, and for other product information, be sure to regularly check the Toshiba Web site at pcsupport.toshiba.com.

If you have a problem or need to contact Toshiba, see "If Something Goes Wrong" on page 129.

Chapter 1

Getting Started

This chapter provides tips for using your computer effectively, summarizes how to connect components, and explains what to do the first time you use your computer.

The “Instruction Manual for Safety and Comfort,” that is shipped with your computer, contains important safety information. Please read the safety instructions carefully and make sure you fully understand the instructions before you attempt to use your computer in order to avoid potential hazards that could cause bodily injury, property damage, or damage the computer.

Getting comfortable with your computer

Place the computer on a hard flat surface that is large enough for the computer and any other items you are using, such as a printer. Leave enough space around the computer and other equipment to provide adequate ventilation. Otherwise, they may overheat. Read the “Provide adequate ventilation” section in the “Instruction Manual for Safety and Comfort” that is shipped with your computer.

To keep your computer in prime operating condition, protect your work area from:

- Dust, moisture, and direct sunlight.

- Equipment that generates a strong electromagnetic field, such as stereo speakers (other than speakers that are connected to the computer) or speakerphones.
- Rapid changes in temperature or humidity and sources of temperature change such as air conditioner vents or heaters.
- Extreme heat, cold, or humidity.
- Liquids and corrosive chemicals.

Keeping yourself comfortable

The Toshiba Instruction Manual for Safety and Comfort, that shipped with your computer, contains helpful information for setting up your work environment and tips for using your computer throughout the day.

Precautions

Your computer is designed to provide optimum safety and ease of use, and to withstand the rigors of travel. You should observe certain precautions to further reduce the risk of personal injury or damage to the computer.

- Avoid prolonged physical contact with the underside or surface of the computer.

⚠WARNING Never allow any liquids to spill into any part of your computer, and never expose the computer to rain, water, seawater or moisture. Exposure to liquid or moisture can cause electric shock or fire, resulting in damage or serious injury. If any of these eventualities should accidentally occur, immediately:

1. Turn off the computer.
2. Disconnect the AC adaptor from the power plug socket and computer.
3. Remove the battery pack.

Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury or permanent damage to the computer.

Do not turn on the power again until you have taken the computer to an authorized service center.

⚠CAUTION

- Avoid prolonged physical contact with the underside or surface of the computer.
- Computer base and palm rest can become hot! Avoid prolonged contact to prevent heat injury to skin.

Read the "Avoid extended contact between computer base/palm rest and skin" section in the "Instruction Manual for Safety and Comfort" that is shipped with your computer.

CAUTION Never place a heavy object on the computer and be careful not to drop a heavy object onto the computer. It could damage the computer or cause system failure.

- Never turn off the computer if a drive light indicates a drive is active.

  Turning off the computer while it is reading from or writing to a disk/disc or flash media may damage the disk/disc or flash media, the drive, or both.

- Keep the computer and disks away from objects that generate strong magnetic fields, such as large stereo speakers.

  Information on some disks is stored magnetically. Placing a magnet too close to a disk can erase important files.

CAUTION Handle discs carefully. Avoid touching the surface of the disc. Grasp it by its center hole and edge. If you handle the disc incorrectly, you could damage the disc and possibly lose data.

- Scan all new files for viruses.

  This precaution is especially important for files you receive via email or download from the Internet. Occasionally, even new programs you buy from a supplier may contain a computer virus. You need a special program to check for viruses. Ask your dealer to help you.

Important information on your computer's cooling fan

Your computer may have a CPU cooling fan that cools the CPU by drawing outside air into the computer.

WARNING Always make sure your computer and AC adaptor have adequate ventilation and are protected from overheating when the power is turned on or when an AC adaptor is connected to a power outlet (even if your computer is in Standby mode). In this condition, observe the following:

- Never cover your computer or AC adaptor with any object.
- Never place your computer or AC adaptor near a heat source, such as an electric blanket or heater.
- Never cover or block the air vents including those located at the base of the computer.
- Always operate your computer on a hard flat surface. Using your computer on a carpet or other soft material can block the vents located at the base of the computer.

Overheating your computer or AC adaptor could cause system failure, computer or AC adaptor damage or a fire, possibly resulting in serious injury.

Read the "Provide adequate ventilation" section in the "Instruction Manual for Safety and Comfort" that is shipped with your computer.

NOTE The cooling fan location will vary depending on the computer.

Setting up your computer

TECHNICAL NOTE: You must complete all setup steps up to and including "Setting up your software" on page 38 before adding external or internal components to your computer. These components include, but are not limited to, a mouse, keyboard, printer and memory.

Your computer contains a rechargeable main battery that needs to be charged before you can use it.

To use external power or to charge the battery you must attach the AC adaptor. See "Connecting to a power source" on page 33.

NOTE Please handle your computer carefully to avoid scratching or damaging the surface.

Connecting to a power source

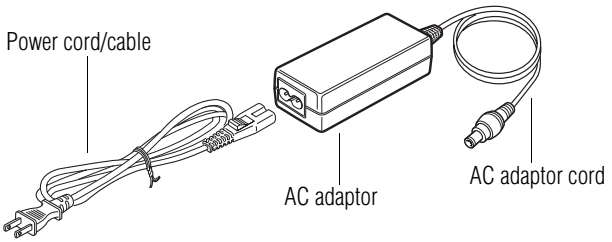
Your computer requires power to operate. Use the power cord/cable and AC adaptor to connect the computer to a live electrical outlet, or to charge the computer's battery.

⚠WARNING Never pull on a power cord/cable to remove a plug from a socket. Always grasp the plug directly. Failure to follow this instruction may damage the cord/cable, and/or result in a fire or electric shock, possibly resulting in serious injury.

⚠WARNING Always confirm that the power plug (and extension cable plug if used) has been fully inserted into the socket, to ensure a secure electrical connection. Failure to do so may result in a fire or electric shock, possibly resulting in serious injury.

Be careful if you use a multiple connector. An overload on one socket could cause a fire or electric shock, possibly resulting in serious injury.

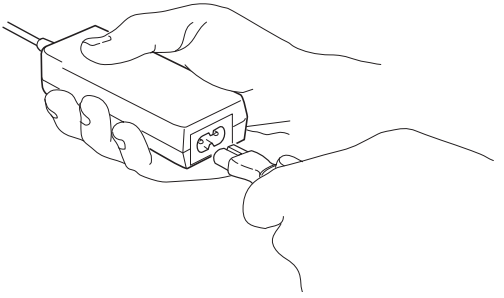
⚠WARNING Always use the TOSHIBA AC adaptor that was provided with your computer and the TOSHIBA Battery Charger (that may have been provided with your computer), or use AC adaptors and battery chargers specified by TOSHIBA to avoid any risk of fire or other damage to the computer. Use of an incompatible AC adaptor or Battery Charger could cause fire or damage to the computer possibly resulting in serious injury. TOSHIBA assumes no liability for any damage caused by use of an incompatible adaptor or charger.



(Sample Illustration) Power cord/cable and AC adaptor

To connect AC power to the computer:

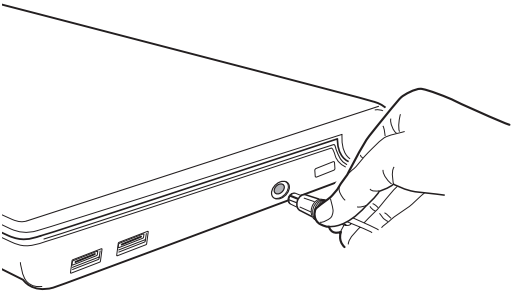
1 Connect the power cord/cable to the AC adaptor.



(Sample Illustration) Connecting the power cord/cable to the AC adaptor

WARNING Handling the cord on this product will expose you to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. ***Wash hands after handling.***

2 Plug the AC adaptor cord into the DC-IN on the side of the computer.



(Sample Illustration) Connecting the AC adaptor cord to the computer

3 Connect the power cord/cable to a live electrical outlet.

The AC power light on the indicator panel glows green.

WARNING Never attempt to connect or disconnect a power plug with wet hands. Failure to follow this instruction could result in an electric shock, possibly resulting in serious injury.

The computer's main battery light gives you an indication of the main battery's current charge:

- Glows amber while the main battery is being charged (AC adaptor connected)
- Glows green when the main battery is fully charged
- Is unlit when the main battery has discharged, the battery is not charging, or the AC adaptor is not plugged into the computer or AC outlet
- Flashes amber when the main battery charge is low and it is time to recharge the main battery or plug in the AC adaptor

NOTE If the AC power light flashes amber during charging, either the main battery is malfunctioning, or it is not receiving correct input from the AC power supply.

Disconnect the AC power cord/cable and remove the main battery pack. See "Changing the main battery" on page 93 for information on replacing the main battery.

Charging the main battery

Before using the battery to power the computer, you must charge the battery.

To charge the battery, leave the computer plugged into an AC power source with the computer turned off until the battery light glows green. After that, the battery will be completely charged and ready to power the computer.

CAUTION Once the battery is charged for the first time, avoid leaving the computer plugged in and turned off for more than a few hours at a time. Continuing to charge a fully charged battery can damage the battery.

TECHNICAL NOTE: The recharging of the battery cannot occur when your computer is using all of the power provided by the AC adaptor to run applications, features, and devices. Your computer's Power Saver utility can be used to select a power level setting that reduces the power required for system operation and will allow the battery to recharge.

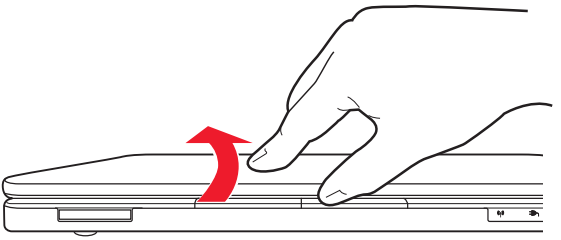
NOTE Battery life and charge time may vary depending on the applications, power management settings, and features used.

Using the computer for the first time

The computer is now ready for you to turn it on and begin using it.

Opening the display panel

1. Facing the front of the computer, locate the center of the display panel.
2. Gently raise the panel.
3. Adjust the display to a comfortable viewing angle.



(Sample Illustration) Opening the display panel

NOTE When opening or closing the display panel, place one hand on the palm rest to hold the computer in place and use the other hand to slowly open or close the display panel.

CAUTION To avoid damaging the display panel, do not force it beyond the point where it moves easily and never lift the computer by the display panel.

Do not press or push on the display panel and be careful to remove any pens or other objects from the keyboard area before closing the display panel.

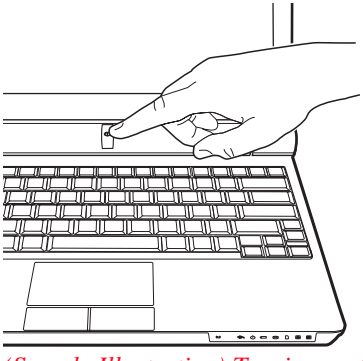
Small bright dots may appear on your screen display when you turn on your computer. Your display contains an extremely large number of thin-film transistors (TFT) and is manufactured using high-precision technology. Any small bright dots that may appear on your display are an intrinsic characteristic of the TFT manufacturing technology. Over a period of time, and depending on the usage of the computer, the brightness of the screen will deteriorate. This is also an intrinsic characteristic of the screen technology. When the computer is operated on battery power, the screen will dim and you may not be able to increase the brightness of the screen while on battery power.

Turning on the power

To turn on the computer:

1. Make sure any external devices (such as the AC adaptor, if you plan to use AC power rather than battery power) are properly connected and ready.
2. Check to ensure all slots are empty.
3. Press the power button in until the ON/OFF light on the system indicator panel glows green and the power button light glows white.

NOTE The power button is disabled when the display panel is closed.



(Sample Illustration) Turning on the power

The preinstalled operating system will load automatically.

CAUTION When you turn on the computer for the first time, do not turn off the power again until the operating system has loaded completely.

Setting up your software

CAUTION When you turn on the computer for the first time, do not turn off the power again until the operating system has loaded completely.

NOTE The names of windows displayed, and the order in which windows appear, may vary according to your software setup choices.

The first time you turn on your computer, the Setup Wizard guides you through steps to set up your software.

1. From the Welcome screen click **Next** to enter the Setup Wizard.
2. Confirm acceptance of Microsoft's End User License Agreement and click **Next**.
3. Select the appropriate option from the Help Protect Your Computer screen and click **Next**.
4. Enter the computer name and description and click **Next** or **Skip**.
5. Select how your computer will connect to the Internet and click **Next**.

   The computer will pause for a moment while checking for an Internet connection.

   If an Internet connection could not be found, a window will display the message: "An Internet connection could not be chosen." Click **Next** to continue.

NOTE If you are connecting your computer to a network, consult your system administrator before you choose your computer name and network settings.

6. Follow the remaining screen prompts to complete the setup process.

   Once you click the final screen, your computer restarts automatically.

Registering your computer with Toshiba

Product registration is strongly recommended, and allows Toshiba to send you periodic updates, announcements, and special offers applicable to your product. Product registration can be completed by either visiting the Toshiba Web site at http://www.register.toshiba.com, or by double-clicking the **Toshiba Resources** icon on your desktop and then double-clicking **Toshiba Registration**. Failure to complete Product Registration will not diminish Customer rights under the Toshiba standard limited Warranty.

NOTE To register online, you must be connected to the Internet.

Adding optional external devices

NOTE Before adding external devices or memory, Toshiba recommends setting up your software. See "Setting up your software" on page 38.

After starting your computer for the first time you may want to:

- Add more memory (see "Adding memory (optional)" on page 40)
- Connect a mouse (see "Using a mouse" on page 60)
- Connect a full-size keyboard (see "Using an external keyboard" on page 60)
- Connect an external monitor (see "Using external display devices" on page 58)
- Connect a local printer (see "Connecting a printer" on page 60)
- Connect an optional external optical drive

Adding memory (optional)

HINT: To purchase additional memory modules, see the accessories information packaged with your system or visit accessories.toshiba.com.

Your computer comes with enough memory to run most of today's popular applications. You may want to increase the computer's memory if you use complex software or process large amounts of data.

NOTE Before adding external devices or memory, Toshiba recommends setting up your software. See "Setting up your software" on page 38.

Installing a memory module

A memory module can be installed in the memory module slot on the base of the computer. You will need a small Phillips screwdriver for this procedure.

⚠ CAUTION If the computer has been running recently, the memory module may be hot. The surrounding area may also be hot. Allow the module to cool to room temperature before replacing it. Avoid touching the cover, the module, and the surrounding area before they have cooled. Failure to follow these directions could result in minor bodily injury.

CAUTION To avoid damaging the computer's screws, use a small Phillips screwdriver that is in good condition.

CAUTION Installing a memory module with the computer's power on may damage the computer, the module, or both.

CAUTION Before you install or remove a memory module, turn off the computer using the Start menu. If you install or remove a memory module while the computer is in Standby or Hibernation mode, data will be lost.

If the computer is on, begin at step 1; otherwise, skip to step 3.

1. Click **Start**, and then **Turn Off computer**.

   The Turn off computer window appears.

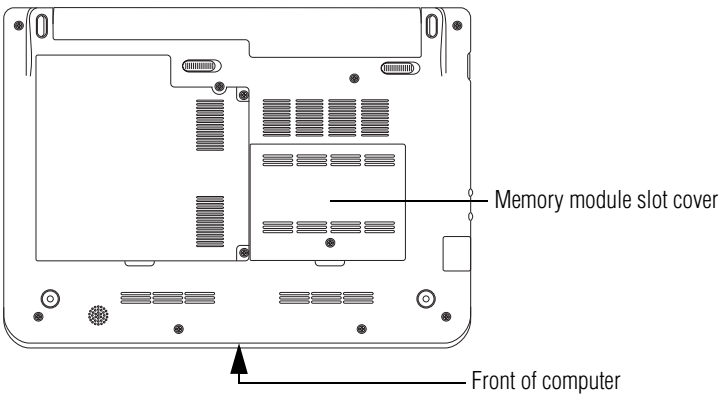
2. Click **Turn Off**.

   The operating system turns off the computer.

3. Unplug and remove any cables connected to the computer, including the AC adaptor.

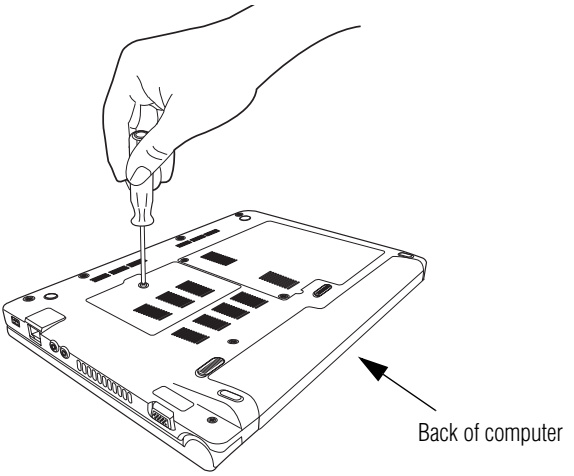
4. Close the display panel and turn the computer upside down to locate the memory module slot cover.

5. Remove the main battery. For information on removing the main battery, see "Removing the battery from the computer" on page 94.



(Sample Illustration) Locating the memory module slot cover

6 Using a small Phillips screwdriver, loosen the screw that secures the memory module slot cover.



(Sample Illustration) Removing the memory module slot cover

7 Remove the memory module slot cover.

8 Place the screw and the cover in a safe place so that you can retrieve them later.

CAUTION Static electricity can damage the memory module. Before you handle the module, touch a grounded metal surface to discharge any static electricity you may have built up.

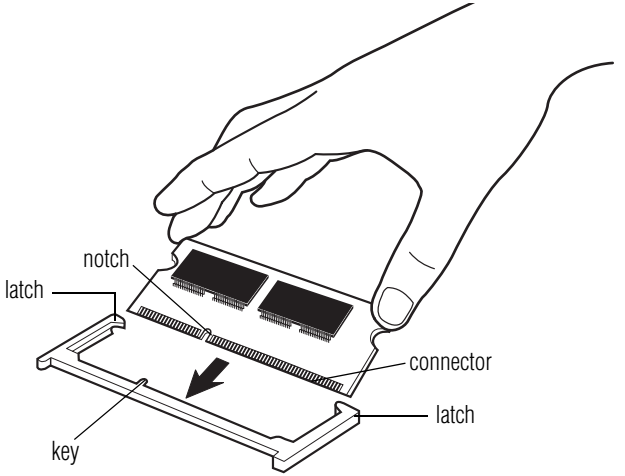
CAUTION Avoid touching the connector on the memory module or on the computer. Grease or dust on the connector may cause memory access problems.

NOTE If no memory slot is available, you may need to remove a module by performing steps 2-3 of "Removing a memory module" on page 45.

9 Carefully remove the new memory module from its antistatic packaging, without touching its connector.

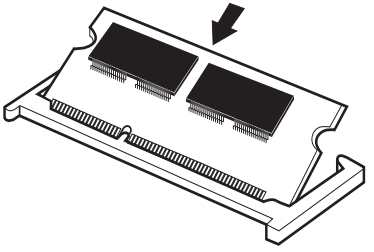
10 Locate an empty memory module slot on the underside of the computer.

11 Pick up the memory module by its sides, avoiding any contact with its connector. Position the module toward the socket, aligning the connector's notch with the matching key in the socket.



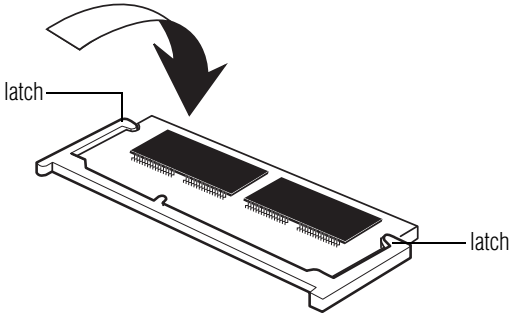
(Sample Illustration) Aligning the memory module with the socket

12 Firmly press the memory module into the memory slot's socket at approximately a 30-degree angle (to the horizontal surface of the computer).



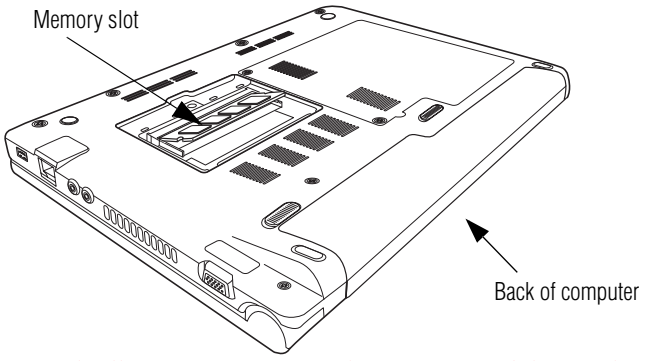
(Sample Illustration) Inserting the memory module into the socket

13 Once the module's connector is fully inserted into the socket, press downward on the top edge of the module to seat the module into the latches at the sides of the socket. These latches should "snap" into place securely with the corresponding cutouts in the side of the module. If the latches and cutouts do not line up correctly, repeat steps 12-13.



(Sample Illustration) Pressing down on the memory module

Do not force the memory module into position. The memory module should be completely inserted into the socket and level when secured in place.



(Sample Illustration) Inserting the memory module into the slot

14 Replace the memory module slot cover and secure it using the screw.

15 Re-insert the main battery. For more information on inserting the main battery, see "Inserting a charged battery" on page 95.

16 Turn the computer right side up.

17 Reconnect the cables.

18 Restart the computer.

You can now continue setting up the computer. When the operating system has loaded, you can verify that the computer has recognized the memory module.

If you are adding extra memory after setting up the computer, verify that the computer has recognized it correctly as described in "Checking total memory" on page 46.

Removing a memory module

If you need to remove a memory module:

1 Complete steps 1–8 in "Installing a memory module" on page 40 to turn off the computer and open the memory module slot cover.

CAUTION Do not try to remove a memory module with the computer turned on. You can damage the computer and the memory module.

Do not remove the memory module while the computer is in Standby or Hibernation mode. The computer could hang up the next time you turn it on and data in memory will be lost. In either of the above cases, the Standby configuration will not be saved.

The following message appears when you turn on the power:

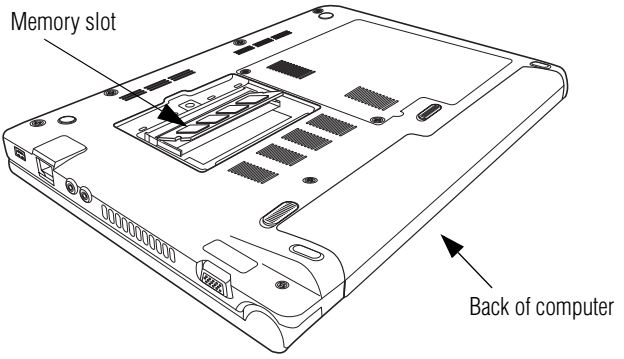
Warning: Resume Failure
Press Any Key to Continue

If the computer hangs up when you turn it on, perform the following: Press the power button and hold it down for at least ten seconds, then turn the power on again.

2 Pull the latches away from the memory module.

The memory module pops up slightly.

3 Gently lift the memory module to a 30-degree angle and slide it out of the slot.



(Sample Illustration) Removing the memory module

4 Replace the memory module slot cover and secure it using the screw.

5 Re-insert the main battery. For more information on inserting the main battery, see "Inserting a charged battery" on page 95.

6 Turn the computer right side up.

7 Reconnect the cables.

8 Restart the computer.

Checking total memory

When you change a memory module, you can check that the computer has recognized the change. To do this:

1 Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Performance and Maintenance**, and then **System**.

2 The **General** tab view automatically appears and shows total memory.

If the computer does not recognize the memory configuration, turn off the computer and remove the memory module slot cover (complete steps 1-8 in "Installing a memory module" on page 40), and then check that the module is inserted completely into the socket and lined up squarely with the socket latches.

Hard Drive Recovery

NOTE To purchase an optional external optical drive, visit the Toshiba Web site at accessories.toshiba.com.

Your computer has been configured with a hard disk partition to allow you to recover your hard disk drive.

NOTE

- During the HDD Recovery Process it is strongly recommended that your computer be connected to an external power source via the AC Adaptor.
- It is also strongly recommended that you create a recovery DVD before using your system. For more information on creating Recovery media, see "Creating a Recovery DVD" on page 54.

Using the HDD Recovery, you can:

- Recover your hard disk drive to the factory-set default.
- Recover your hard disk drive to the factory-set default without the HDD Recovery partition.
- Recover just your C: drive, leaving any other partitions you may have created intact, for example, a D: drive.

Hard Disk Drive Recovery options

NOTE To purchase an optional external optical drive, visit the Toshiba Web site at accessories.toshiba.com.

The following are the available hard disk drive recovery options:

- Recover to out-of-box state
- Recover without changing the hard drive partitions
- Recover to a custom partition
- Erase the hard drive

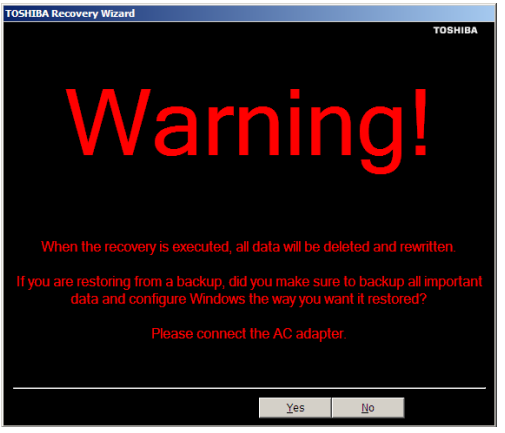
Recovering the original factory image (recommended recovery method)

CAUTION Recovering a hard disk drive to its out-of-box state deletes all partitions on the hard disk drive and your information will be lost. Be sure to save your work to external media first.

To recover your hard disk drive using the utilities stored on your computer's HDD:

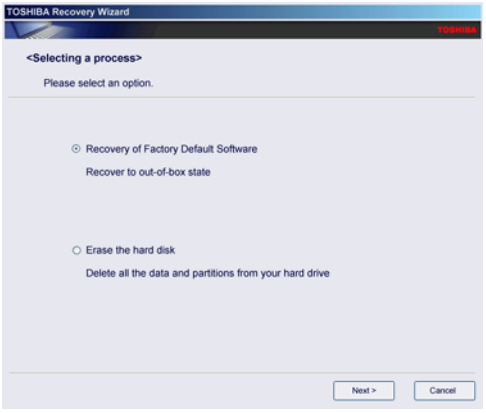
1. Make sure the computer is turned off.
2. Press and hold the 0 (zero) key on your keyboard while powering on the computer.

   A warning screen will appear stating that when the recovery is executed all data will be deleted and rewritten.
3. Click **Yes** to continue.


TOSHIBA Recovery Wizard
TOSHIBA
Warning!
When the recovery is executed, all data will be deleted and rewritten.
If you are restoring from a backup, did you make sure to backup all important data and configure Windows the way you want it restored?
Please connect the AC adapter.
Yes
No

(Sample Image) Warning screen

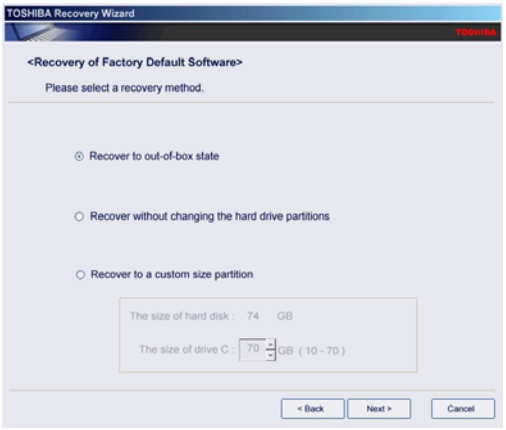
4. When the Toshiba Recovery Wizard opens and the Selecting a process screen displays, select **Recovery of Factory Default Software** and then click **Next**.



(Sample Image) Selecting a process screen

5 The Recovery of Factory Default Software screen appears. Select **Recover to out-of-box state**, and then click **Next**.

A confirmation message displays reminding you that all data will be lost during the recovery process. Be sure to save your work to external media before proceeding.



(Sample Image) Recovery of Factory Default Software screen

6 Click **Next** to begin the recovery.

Once complete, a message displays that the HDD has been recovered.

7 Press any key on the keyboard to restart the computer.

Hard Disk Drive Recovery using the recovery partition

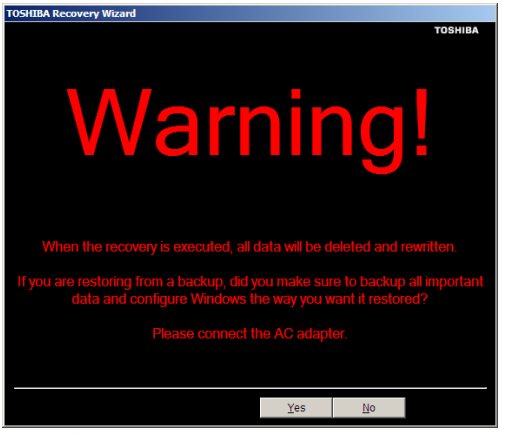
CAUTION Recovering the C: drive to its factory default setting reformats your drive and your information on the recovered drive will be lost. Be sure to save your work to external media first. If you have created other partitions (for example, a D: drive) those partitions and any information on them will not be affected and will remain intact.

NOTE During the HDD Recovery Process it is strongly recommended that your computer be connected to an external power source via the AC Adaptor.

You have the options of recovering your system using the Hard Drive Recovery partition to the factory-set default, or recovering just your C: drive and leaving other partitions (for example, a D: drive) intact, or changing the size of your C: drive and then recovering it.

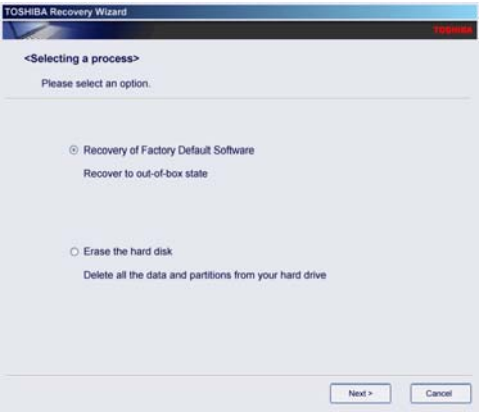
1. Make sure the computer is turned off.
2. Press and hold the 0 (zero) key on your keyboard while powering on the computer.

   A warning screen will appear stating that when the recovery is executed all data will be deleted and rewritten.
3. Click **Yes** to continue.


TOSHIBA Recovery Wizard
TOSHIBA
Warning!
When the recovery is executed, all data will be deleted and rewritten.
If you are restoring from a backup, did you make sure to backup all important data and configure Windows the way you want it restored?
Please connect the AC adapter.
Yes
No

(Sample Image) Warning screen

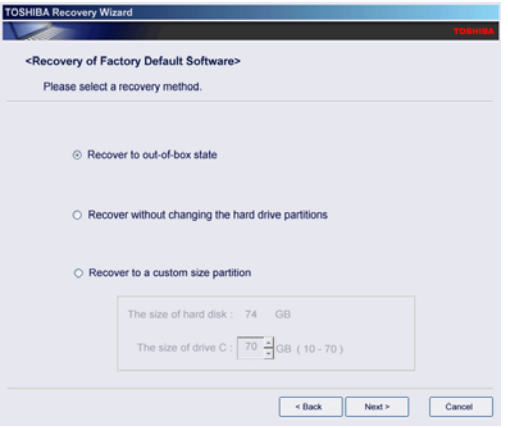
4 When the Toshiba Recovery Wizard opens and the Selecting a processing screen displays. Select **Recovery of Factory Default Software** and then click **Next**.



(Sample Image) Selecting a process screen

5 The Recovery of Factory Default Software screen displays.

- ❖ If you want to change the partition, go to step 6.
- ❖ If you do not want change the partition, skip to step 7.



(Sample Image) Recovery of Factory Default Software screen

6 Select **Recover without changing the hard disk drive partitions**, then skip to step 8.

7 Select **Recover to a custom size partition**, If you want to customize the hard disk partitions, you will need to use the up and down arrow buttons to set the hard disk size under **The size of hard disk** section of the screen.

8 Click **Next** to begin the restoration. Once complete, a message displays that the HDD has been recovered.

9 Press any key on the keyboard to restart the computer.

Erasing the hard disk

CAUTION Erasing the hard disk will delete all data including the partitions. Be sure to create recovery DVDs and back up your data to external media before erasing the hard disk.

The Recovery Wizard allows you to delete all data and partitions from the hard disk.

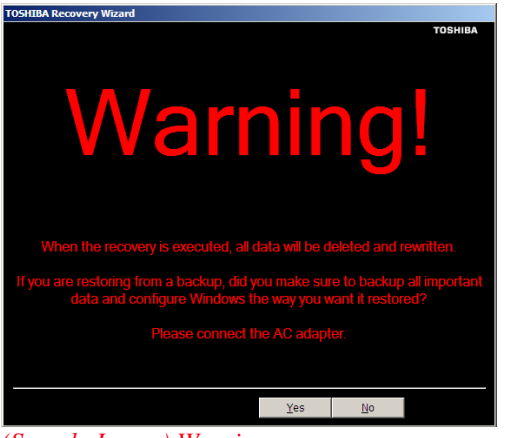
To delete the data and partitions from your hard disk:

1 Make sure the computer is turned off.

2 Press and hold the 0 (zero) key on your keyboard while powering on the computer.

A warning screen will appear stating that when the operation is executed all data will be deleted and rewritten.

3 Click **Yes** to continue.

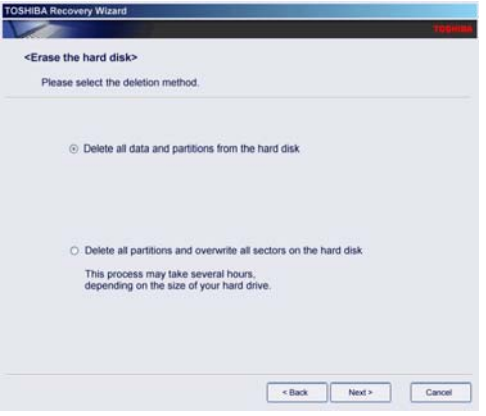

TOSHIBA Recovery Wizard
TOSHIBA
Warning!
When the recovery is executed, all data will be deleted and rewritten.
If you are restoring from a backup, did you make sure to backup all important data and configure Windows the way you want it restored?
Please connect the AC adapter.
Yes
No

(Sample Image) Warning screen

4 When the Toshiba Recovery Wizard opens and the Selecting a process screen displays, select **Erase the hard disk** and then click **Next**.

5 The Erase the hard disk screen lists the two methods you can choose from:

- **Delete all data and partitions from the hard disk**—This option deletes all of the data on the hard disk without overwriting the HDD.
- **Delete all partitions and overwrite all sectors on the hard disk**—This option deletes all data, then overwrites the entire HDD for security purposes. This may take several hours, depending on the size of your HDD.



(Sample Image) Erase the hard disk screen

6 Select the desired method, and then click **Next**.

A confirmation message displays reminding you that all data will be lost. Be sure you have saved your work to external media before proceeding.

7 Click **Next** to begin deleting the HDD.

When the process is completed, a message displays informing you that the HDD has been deleted.

8 Press any key on the keyboard to restart the computer.

Creating a Recovery DVD

NOTE To purchase an optional external optical drive, visit the Toshiba Web site at accessories.toshiba.com.

Depending on your system configuration, you may be able to copy the hard drive recovery to DVD which gives you the ability to recover your hard disk drive and recover your system if the hard drive recovery partition has been deleted or the hard disk has been replaced on your computer.

NOTE The system will prompt you to insert a blank DVD to copy the hard drive recovery. If your optional external optical disc drive is not writable, contact Toshiba Customer Support to obtain the Recovery media for your system.

The Toshiba Customer Support Center in the United States is (800) 457-7777; outside the United States it is (949) 859-4273.

To create a recovery DVD:

1. Connect an optional external writable optical drive.
2. Click **Start**, **All Programs, TOSHIBA, Recovery,** and then **Recovery Disc Creator**.
3. Select **DVD** (to create a Recovery media on DVD).
4. Select the items you want to copy by clicking the check box next to the item's Name—recovery files, applications (original bundled drivers and applications), or both the recovery files and applications.
5. Click **Create**.
6. Insert a blank DVD into your optional external writable optical drive when prompted.
7. Follow the on-screen prompts for completing the copy process.

For more information on using the Recovery media you have created with the preceding steps see "Restoring using the Recovery Media" on page 55.

Restoring using the Recovery Media

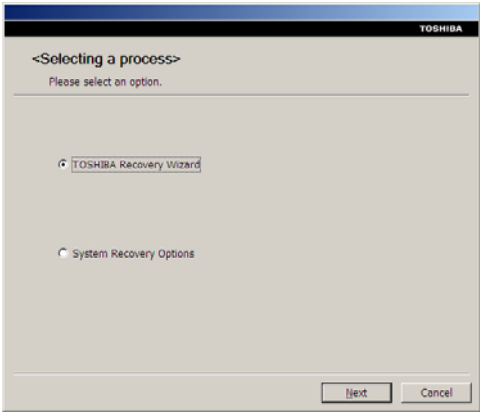
NOTE To purchase an optional external optical drive, visit the Toshiba Web site at accessories.toshiba.com.

If you need to recover your computer to its default factory state, you can rebuild the system using your Hard Drive Recovery Utilities.

To recover your hard disk drive using the utilities burned to a DVD (refer to "Creating a Recovery DVD" on page 54):

1. Insert the recovery DVD into your optional external optical drive and power on the computer.
2. When the initial screen displays, press F12.

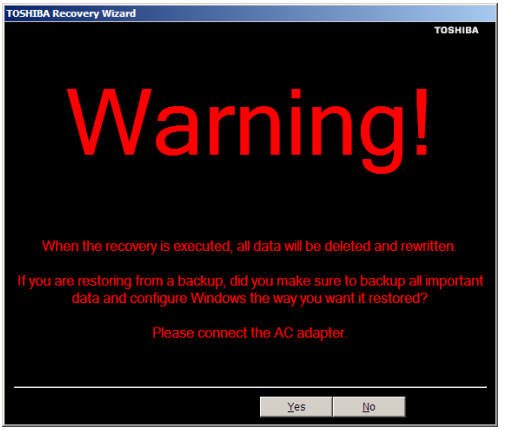
   The boot menu appears.
3. Using the arrow keys, select the **DVD** option and press Enter.
4. The Selecting a Process Screen will appear. Select one of the options and then click **Next**. The options are:
   - Toshiba Recovery wizard
   - System Recovery Options



(Sample Image) Selecting a Process screen

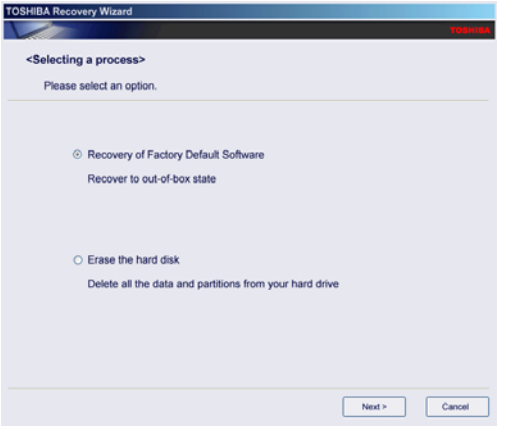
A warning screen will appear stating that when the recovery is executed all data will be deleted and rewritten.

5 Click **Yes** to continue.


TOSHIBA Recovery Wizard
TOSHIBA
Warning!
When the recovery is executed, all data will be deleted and rewritten.
If you are restoring from a backup, did you make sure to backup all important data and configure Windows the way you want it restored?
Please connect the AC adapter.
Yes
No

(Sample Image) Warning screen

6 The Toshiba Recovery Wizard screen will appear. Please refer to "Hard Disk Drive Recovery options" on page 47 to learn about the available recovery options.



(Sample Image) Toshiba Recovery Wizard screen

Checking the HDD operating status

After restoring your hard disk drive, you can check its status as follows:

1. Right-click **My Computer**.
2. Select **Manage**.

NOTE You may need to reboot your computer to properly see the partitions on your hard drive.

3. Click **Disk Management**.
4. Highlight the hard disk drive in the Volume list to display its status in the lower portion of the screen.

Using the TouchPad™

The TouchPad™, the small, rectangular area located in front of the keyboard, is sensitive to touch and enables you to move the cursor with the stroke of a finger. Simply move your finger on the TouchPad in the direction you would like to move the cursor:

- To move the cursor to the top of the page, push your finger forward on the TouchPad.
- To move the cursor to the bottom of the page, drag your finger toward yourself.
- To move the cursor to the right side of the page, slide your finger across the TouchPad from left to right.
- To move it to the left side, slide your finger from right to left.

NOTE Because the TouchPad is much smaller than the display screen, moving your cursor across the screen often means having to move your finger several times across the TouchPad in the preferred direction.

Once you have positioned your cursor, you can click it into place by either double-tapping the TouchPad or clicking the control buttons.

Scrolling with the TouchPad™

There are two active regions on the TouchPad™ that allow you to scroll as you would with any wheel device on a mouse or trackball.

To scroll vertically, run your finger up or down along the right edge of the TouchPad. To scroll horizontally, run your finger along the bottom edge of the TouchPad.

Control buttons

When a step instructs you to click or choose an item, move the cursor to the item, then press and release the primary (left-hand) button. To double-click, press the primary button twice in rapid succession. The primary button usually corresponds to the left mouse button.

The function of the secondary (right-hand) button depends on the program you are using. It usually corresponds to the right mouse button ("right-clicking"). Check your program's documentation to determine whether it uses the right mouse button.

Disabling or enabling the TouchPad™

The TouchPad™ is enabled by default. To change the enable/disable TouchPad setting, press Fn + F9. This hot key enables/disables the TouchPad.

Using external display devices

Your computer comes with a built-in display, but you can also connect an external monitor or projector via the RGB (monitor) port.

Connecting an external monitor or projector

You can easily attach an external monitor or projector to your computer if you need a larger screen. To do this:

1. Read the directions that came with the monitor to see if you first need to install new software.
2. Connect the monitor's video cable to the RGB (monitor) port on the side of the computer.
3. Connect the device's power cable to a live electrical outlet.
4. Turn on the external device.
5. Set the display mode by pressing Fn + F5, or by configuring the Display Properties settings.

Directing the display output when you turn on the computer

Once you have connected an external display device, you can choose to use the internal display only, the external device only, or both simultaneously.

NOTE Some modes are only available with the appropriate device attached and turned on.

The quickest way to change the display output settings is to use the display hot key (Fn + F5):

1. Press Fn and F5 simultaneously.
2. While holding down Fn, press F5 repeatedly until the setting you want takes effect. Briefly pause each time you press the F5 key to allow time for the display to change.

   This hot key cycles through the settings in the following order (only the first option is available when you do not have an external monitor attached):

   - LCD—Internal display only
   - LCD + CRT—Internal display and external monitor simultaneously
   - CRT—External monitor only

(Sample Image) Display options window

3. Release the Fn key.

TECHNICAL NOTE: You can also change these settings using the Display Properties box.

Set the option for the video controller by clicking Start, Control Panel, Appearance and Themes, and then Display. Choose the Settings tab, click the Advanced button, select Display Device, select the applicable Monitor type, and then click Apply or OK.

Adjusting the quality of the external display

To obtain the best picture quality from your monitor (or other video display device), you may need to adjust the video settings. See the video device documentation for additional configuration steps.

Using an external keyboard

If you prefer to use a full-size keyboard, you can attach one to your computer. The computer's USB ports support most USB-compatible keyboards.

Using a mouse

You may want to use a mouse instead of the computer's built-in TouchPad™. You can use a USB-compatible mouse.

Connecting a printer

NOTE Your printer documentation may require you to install the printer software before physically connecting the printer to your computer. If you do not install the software as instructed by the printer manufacturer, the printer may not function correctly.

Read the documentation that came with your printer. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when connecting a printer.

You can connect a USB-compatible printer to your computer through the USB ports. To determine if the printer is USB-compatible, check its documentation.

To make the connection, you need a suitable USB cable which may come with your printer. If a USB cable was not included with your printer, you can purchase one from a computer or electronics store.

If your printer supports Plug and Play, your computer may automatically recognize the printer; the printer is then ready for use. Refer to your printer documentation for further instructions.

TECHNICAL NOTE: To determine if your printer supports Plug and Play, check its documentation.

If your printer does not support Plug and Play, you can set up the printer as described in "Setting up a printer" on page 61.

To connect a printer to your computer:

1. Connect the printer cable to the printer and then connect the other end to one of the computer's USB ports.
2. Plug the printer's power cable into a live AC outlet.

Setting up a printer

NOTE Some printers require a specific installation process. Refer to your printer installation guide for instructions before completing the following procedure.

If your printer does not support Plug and Play, follow these steps to set it up for the first time. You only need to set up the printer once.

1. Click **Start**, and then **Printers and Faxes**.

   The Printers and Faxes window appears.

2. Click **Add a printer**.

   The Add Printer Wizard appears.

Add Printer Wizard
Welcome to the Add Printer Wizard
This wizard helps you install a printer or make printer connections.
If you have a Plug and Play printer that connects through a USB port (or any other hot pluggable port, such as IEEE 1394, infrared, and so on), you do not need to use this wizard. Click Cancel to close the wizard, and then plug the printer's cable into your computer or point the printer toward your computer's infrared port, and turn the printer on. Windows will automatically install the printer for you.
To continue, click Next.
< Back
Next >
Cancel

(Sample Image) Add Printer Wizard

3. Follow the on-screen instructions to set up your printer.

Turning off the computer

CAUTION Pressing the power button before shutting down the Windows® operating system could cause you to lose your work. Make sure the system indicator panel's storage drive light and the drive-in-use light are off. If you turn off the power while a disk/disc is being accessed, you may lose data or damage the disk/disc and/or drive.

It is a good idea to turn off your computer when you are not using it for a while.

If you are using the computer for the first time, leave the computer plugged into a power source (even though the computer is off) to fully charge the main battery.

Options for turning off the computer

Depending on the operating system installed, you have more than one option available for turning off the computer: Turn Off, Hibernate, and Standby. Each option has its advantages.

Turn Off

Factors to consider when choosing the Turn Off command:

- Use the Turn Off command if you are not connected to a domain server.
- If you have work in progress and are not connected to a network, use the Windows® Standby or Hibernate commands to save your system settings so that, when you turn on the computer again, you will automatically return to where you left off.

TECHNICAL NOTE: Before using any of these options to turn off your computer, save your files and make sure all drive activity lights are off.

If you change your mind and decide to continue working after all, wait a few seconds before turning the computer on again.

NOTE The Windows® operating system records information, such as your desktop setup, during its shutdown procedure. If you do not let the Windows® operating system turn off normally, details such as new icon positions may be lost.

Hibernation mode

Hibernation mode shuts the computer down completely, but it first saves the current state of the computer to the internal storage drive. Since Hibernation mode does not require power to maintain the saved information, system settings are retained indefinitely.

Factors to consider when choosing Hibernation:

- While in Hibernation mode, the computer uses no main battery power.
- Because the state of the system is stored on the internal storage drive, no data is lost if the main battery discharges.
- Restarting from Hibernation takes less time and consumes less main battery power than restarting from turning off the computer.
- Since information is being retrieved from the internal storage drive rather than from memory, restarting from Hibernation takes a little more time and consumes more main battery power to start up than when restarting from Standby.
- When starting up again, the computer returns to the state in which you left it, including all open programs and files you were using.

For information on how to use and configure Hibernation mode see "Using and configuring Hibernation mode" on page 66.

Standby mode

The Standby command places the computer into a power-saving mode. Standby holds the current state of the computer in system memory (RAM) so that, when you restart the computer, you can continue working from where you left off.

Factors to consider when choosing Standby:

- While in Standby mode, the computer uses some main battery power.
- The Standby command does not store unsaved information on your internal storage drive. You should save your work before putting your computer on Standby.
- Restarting from Standby takes less time and may consume more main battery power than restarting from turning off the computer or using Hibernation mode.
- When starting up again, the computer returns to the mode in which you left it, including all open programs and files you were using.

CAUTION If you power down using the Standby command and the main battery discharges fully, your unsaved information will be lost. Be sure to save your work first.

For information on using Standby, see "Using and configuring Standby mode" on page 68.

Using the Turn Off Computer command

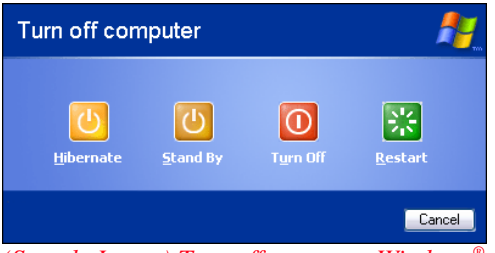
Use the following steps to turn off your computer.

Turn Off

Follow these steps to turn off the computer when you are not connected to a domain server:

1. Click **Start**, and then **Turn off computer**.

   The Turn off computer dialog box appears.



(Sample Image) Turn off computer Windows® dialog box

2. Click **Turn Off**.

   The computer shuts down completely.

Turning off the computer more quickly

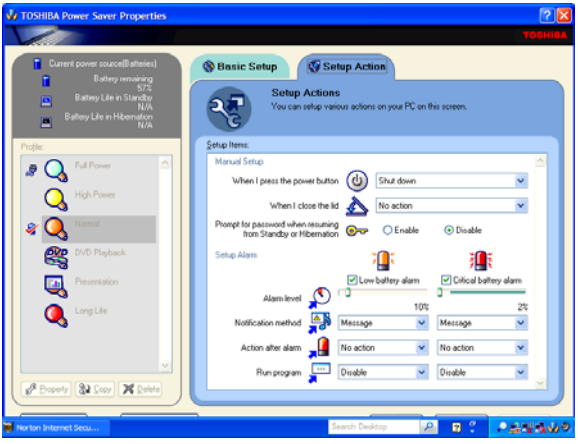
You can also turn off the computer by pressing the power button.

To use this method, you first need to activate it using Toshiba's Power Saver utility.

1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, and then **Performance and Maintenance**.

2. Click the **TOSHIBA Power Saver** icon.

3 Click on the **Setup Actions** tab.



(Sample Image) Setup action settings screen

4 Select the options you want from the drop-down lists.

NOTE These options are set separately for how they operate while the computer is running on battery power or while connected to AC power.

- **When I press the power button**
  Set this option to **Turn Off** if you want the computer to turn off when you press the power button.
- **When I close the lid**
  Set this option to **Turn Off** if you want the computer to turn off when you close the display panel.

5 Click **Apply**.

6 Click **OK**.

NOTE For more information about the Power Saver utility, see "TOSHIBA Power Saver" on page 120.

Once the computer is configured, you can turn it off by either pressing the power button or closing the display panel, depending on the options set.

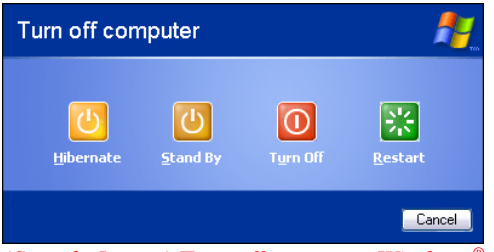
Restarting your computer

To start the computer up again, press the power button until the ON/OFF light glows green and the power button glows white.

If you turn off the computer by closing the display panel, you can start it again by opening the display panel.

Using and configuring Hibernation mode

To turn off the computer using the Hibernation command, click **Start**, **Turn off computer**, and then select **Hibernate**.



(Sample Image) Turn off computer Windows® dialog box

The computer saves the state of all open programs and files, turns off the display, and then turns off.

Configuring Hibernation mode options

You can place the computer into Hibernation mode by either pressing the power button or closing the display panel. You can also specify an amount of time after which the computer automatically goes into Hibernation mode.

To use any of these methods, you first need to enable them in Toshiba's Power Saver utility.

1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, and then **Performance and Maintenance**.

2. Click the **TOSHIBA Power Saver** icon.
3. Click the **Setup Actions** tab.

4 Select **Hibernation** for the options you want.

NOTE These options are set separately for how they operate while the computer is running on battery power or while connected to AC power.

- **When I press the power button**
  Set this option to **Hibernate** if you want the computer to go into Hibernation mode when you press the power button.
- **When I close the lid**
  Set this option to **Hibernate** if you want the computer to go into Hibernation mode when you close the display panel.

5 Click **Apply**.

6 Click **OK**.

NOTE For more information about the Power Saver utility, see "TOSHIBA Power Saver" on page 120.

Once the computer is configured, you can place it into Hibernation mode by either pressing the power button or closing the display panel, depending on the Hibernation options set.

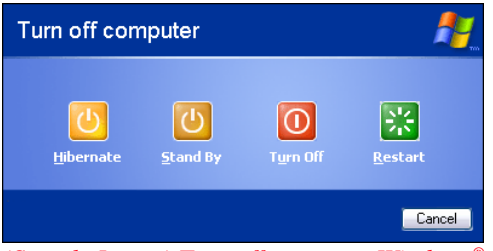
Starting again from Hibernation mode

To start up the computer from Hibernation mode, press the power button until the ON/OFF light glows green and the power button light glows white. The computer returns to the screen(s) you were using.

If you put the computer in Hibernation mode by closing the display panel, you can start it again by opening the display panel.

Using and configuring Standby mode

To turn off the computer using the Standby command, click **Start**, **Turn off computer**, and then select **Stand By**.



(Sample Image) Turn off computer Windows® dialog box

The computer saves the status of all open programs and files, turns off the display, and enters into a low-power mode. The ON/OFF light blinks amber indicating the computer is in Standby mode.

Configuring Standby mode options

You can place the computer into Standby mode by either pressing the power button or closing the display panel. You can also specify an amount of time after which the computer automatically goes into Standby mode.

To use any of these methods, you may first need to enable them in Toshiba's Power Saver utility.

1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, and then **Performance and Maintenance**.
2. Click the **TOSHIBA Power Saver** icon.
3. Click the **Setup Actions** tab.
4. Select **Standby** for the options you want.

NOTE These options are set separately for how they operate while the computer is running on battery power or while connected to AC power.

- **When I press the power button**
  Set this option to **Standby** if you want the computer to go into Standby mode when you press the power button.
- **When I close the lid**
  Set this option to **Standby** if you want the computer to go into Standby mode when you close the display panel.

5 Click **Apply**.

6 Click **OK**.

NOTE For more information about the Power Saver utility, see "TOSHIBA Power Saver" on page 120.

Once the computer is configured, you can place it into Standby mode by either pressing the power button or closing the display panel, depending on the Standby options set.

Starting again from Standby mode

To start up the computer from Standby mode, press the power button until the ON/OFF light glows green. The computer returns to the screen(s) you were using.

If you place the computer in Standby mode by closing the display panel, you can start it again by opening the display panel.

Closing the display panel

After you have turned off the computer, close the display panel to keep dust and dirt out of the computer.

Customizing your computer's settings

There are several ways in which you can customize your computer to suit your particular requirements. Refer to your operating system documentation or Help and Support for details.

You may also wish to customize your power usage settings. For more information, see "Power Profiles" on page 92. There are additional custom settings you can choose. See "Utilities" on page 112.

Caring for your computer

This section gives tips on cleaning and moving your computer. For information about taking care of your computer's battery, see "Taking care of your battery" on page 96.

NOTE Please handle your computer carefully to avoid scratching or damaging the surface.

Cleaning the computer

CAUTION Keep liquids, including cleaning fluid, out of the computer's keyboard, speaker, and other openings. Never spray cleaner directly onto the computer and/or display. Never use harsh or caustic chemical products to clean the computer.

To keep your computer clean, gently wipe the display panel and exterior case with a lightly dampened cloth.

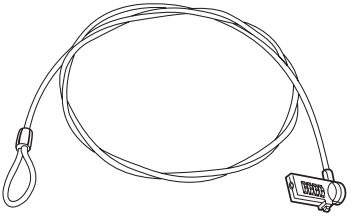
Moving the computer

Before moving your computer, even across the room, make sure all drive activity has ended (the drive indicator light stops glowing) and all external peripheral cables are disconnected.

CAUTION Do not pick up the computer by its display panel or by the back. Doing so could damage the system.

Using a computer lock

You may want to secure your computer to a heavy object such as your desk. The easiest way to do this is to purchase an optional computer lock cable. For more information on purchasing a cable lock, visit accessories.toshiba.com.



(Sample Illustration) Computer lock cable

To secure the computer:

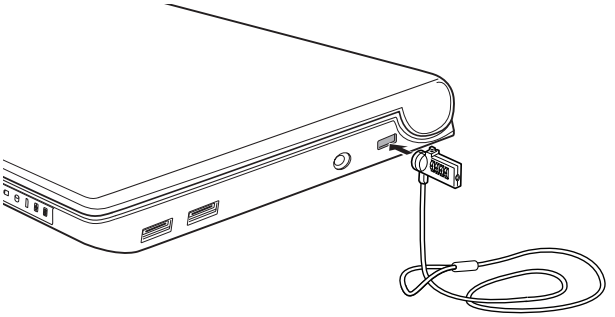
1. Wrap the cable through or around some part of a heavy object.

   Make sure there is no way for a potential thief to slip the cable off the object.

2. Pass the locking end through the loop.

3 Insert the cable's locking end into the security lock slot on your computer, then engage the locking device.

The computer is now securely locked.



(Sample Illustration) Attaching security lock cable

Chapter 2

Learning the Basics

This chapter gives some computing tips and provides important information about basic features.

Computing tips

- Save your work frequently.

  Your work stays in the computer's temporary memory until you save it to the internal storage drive. If the network you are using goes down and you must restart your computer to reconnect, or your battery runs out of charge while you are working, you will lose all work since you last saved.

  See "Saving your work" on page 79 for further information.

HINT: Some programs have an automatic save feature that can be activated. This feature saves your file to the internal storage drive at preset intervals. See your software documentation for details.

- Back up your files to external media on a regular basis. Label the backup copies clearly and store them in a safe place.

  It is easy to put off backing up because it takes time. However, if your internal storage drive suddenly fails, you will lose all the data on it unless you have a separate backup copy. For more information, see "Data and system configuration backup in the Windows® operating system" on page 151

- Use Error-checking and Disk Defragmenter regularly to check and optimize disk space and improve performance.

- Scan all new files for viruses.

  This precaution is especially important for files you receive via external storage media, email, or download from the Internet.

- Take frequent breaks to avoid repetitive-motion injuries and eyestrain.

- Do not turn off the computer if a drive indicator light indicates a drive is active.

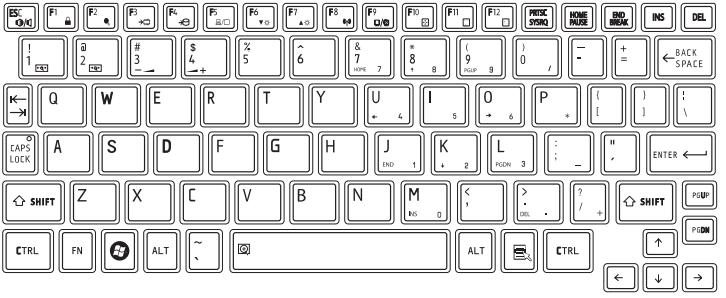
  Turning off the computer while it is reading from or writing to a disk may damage the disk, the drive, or both.

- Before turning off the computer, use the Turn off computer command or Standby command. See "Using and configuring Standby mode" on page 68 to learn more about Standby.

NOTE The Windows® operating system records information, such as your desktop setup, during its shutdown procedure. If you do not let the Windows® operating system turn off normally, details such as new icon positions may be lost.

Using the keyboard

Your computer's keyboard contains character keys, control keys, function keys, and special Windows® keys, providing all the functionality of a full-size keyboard.



(Sample Illustration) Keyboard

Character keys

Typing with the character keys is very much like typing on a typewriter, except that:

- The space bar creates a space character instead of just passing over an area of the page.
- The lowercase letter l (el) and the number 1 are not interchangeable.
- The uppercase letter O and the number 0 are not interchangeable.

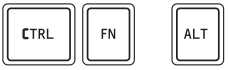
Making your keyboard emulate a full-size keyboard

Although your computer's keyboard layout is compatible with a standard full-size keyboard, it includes fewer keys.

A standard full-size keyboard includes two Enter, Ctrl, and Alt keys; editing keys; cursor positioning keys; and a numeric keypad.

Your computer's keyboard includes only one Enter key. Most of the time, this does not matter. However, some programs assign separate functions to the regular and numeric pad Enter keys on the full-sized keyboard. Using the Fn key, you can simulate the separate key, as follows: Press Fn and Enter simultaneously to simulate the Enter key on the numeric pad of the enhanced keyboard. Pressing the Fn key simultaneously in combination with one of the specially marked keys allows you to emulate a full-size keyboard.

Ctrl, Fn, and Alt keys



(Sample Illustration) Ctrl, Fn, and Alt keys

The Ctrl, Fn, and Alt keys do different things depending on the program you are using. For more information, see your program documentation.

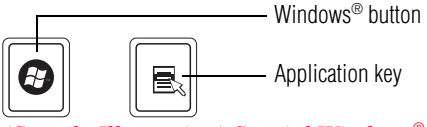
Function keys

The function keys (not to be confused with the Fn key) are the 12 keys at the top of the keyboard.

(Sample Illustration) Function keys

F1 through F12 are called function keys because they execute programmed functions when pressed. Used in combination with the Fn key, function keys marked with icons execute specific functions on the computer. For example, Fn+F9 turns off the TouchPad. For more information, see, "Hot Keys" on page 160.

Special Windows® keys



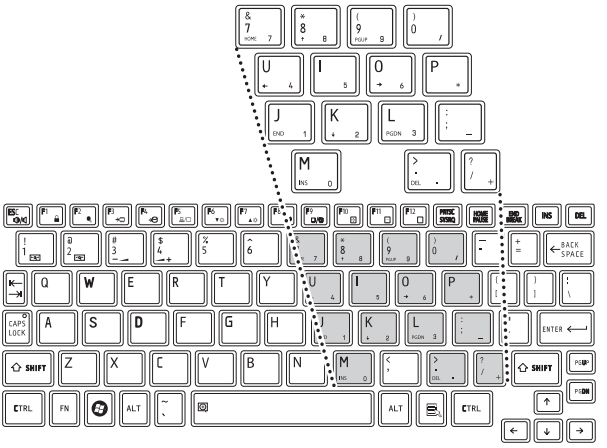
(Sample Illustration) Special Windows® keys

Your computer's keyboard has one key and one button that have special functions in Windows®:

- **Windows® button**—Opens the Start menu
- **Application key**—Has a similar function as the secondary mouse button

Overlay keys

The keys with gray numbers and symbols on the front of them form the numeric and cursor overlay. This overlay lets you enter numeric data or control the cursor as you would using the 10-key keypad on a desktop computer's keyboard.



(Sample Illustration) Numeric and cursor control overlay

Using the overlay to type numeric data

The keys with the numbers on their right front are the numeric overlay keys.

To turn the numeric overlay on, press Fn and F11 simultaneously. The numeric mode light on the system indicator panel glows when the numeric overlay is on.

To disable the numeric overlay, hold down the Fn key and press F11 again. The numeric mode light on the system indicator panel goes out.

Using the overlay for cursor control

The keys with the gray arrows and symbols on their left front are the cursor control overlay keys.

To turn the cursor control overlay on, press Fn and F10 simultaneously. The cursor control mode light on the system indicator panel glows when the cursor control overlay is on.

To disable the cursor control overlay, hold down the Fn key and press F10 again. The cursor control mode light on the system indicator panel goes out.

Starting a program

The easiest way to start a program is to double-click the name of the file that contains the information you want to work on. To find the file, use My Computer or Windows® Explorer.

If you prefer to open the program first, you have four options. You can:

- Double-click the icon for the program on your desktop
- Use the Start menu
- Use Windows® Explorer or My Computer to locate the program file
- Use the Run dialog box

The next three sections explain how to start a program from the Start menu, Explorer and the Run dialog box.

Starting a program from the Start menu

When you install a program, the operating system usually puts an icon in the All Programs menu. To start a program that has an icon in the All Programs menu, follow these steps, which use the Windows® WordPad program as an example:

1. Click **Start**, and then **All Programs**.

   The Windows® operating system displays the All Programs menu, which lists programs and program groups. If your program is listed, go to step 3, otherwise, continue with step 2.

2. Click the program group, in this example, **Accessories**.

   The Accessories menu is displayed.

3. Click the program, in this example, **WordPad**.

   WordPad opens.

To close the program, click the **Close** button in the upper-right corner of the program's window.

Starting a program from Windows® Explorer

If a program is not listed in the All Programs menu, you can start it from Windows® Explorer. Windows® Explorer gives you a view of your computer's contents as a hierarchy or "tree." You can easily see the contents of each drive and folder on your computer. To use this method, you should know the file name and location of the program's executable file (this file ends with .exe).

This example opens WordPad using Windows® Explorer.

1. Click **Start**, and then **All Programs**.
2. Click **Accessories**.
3. Click **Windows Explorer**.
4. Click **My Computer** to expand the window.
5. In the left part of the window, click the line that ends in "(C:)."
6. In the left part of the window, under the C: icon, double-click the folder containing the program, in this case **Program Files**.

   Windows® Explorer shows the contents of the Program Files folder on the right side of the window. The left side of the window shows all the folders contained within the Program Files folder.
7. In the left part of the window, click **Windows NT**.
8. In the left part of the window, click **Accessories**.

   Windows® Explorer shows the contents of the **Accessories** folder on the right side of the window.
9. In the right part of the window, double-click **wordpad**.

   The operating system opens WordPad.

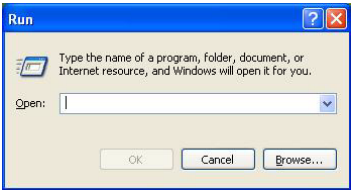
To close the program, click the **Close** button in the upper-right corner of the program's window.

Starting a program from the Run dialog box

This example uses the Run command to start WordPad:

1. Click **Start**, and then **Run**.

   The Run dialog box appears.



(Sample Image) Run dialog box

2 In the Run dialog box:

- If you know the program's location, type the command line. For a program in the Windows® folder, type just the program name. Otherwise, type the full file path. For example, to access WordPad, type: c:\Program Files\Windows NT\Accessories\wordpad.exe, then click **OK**.

HINT: To run the same program again, click the arrow to the right of the text box and select the command line from the drop-down list.

- If you do not know the location, you can search for it by clicking **Start**, then **Search**, and then following the on-screen instructions.

Saving your work

Before you turn off the computer, save your work on the internal storage drive or external media. This is one of the most important rules of computing.

TECHNICAL NOTE: Save your data even when you are using the Standby command, in case the main battery discharges before you return to work.

Saving documents is quick and easy, so it is a good idea to get in the habit of saving frequently.

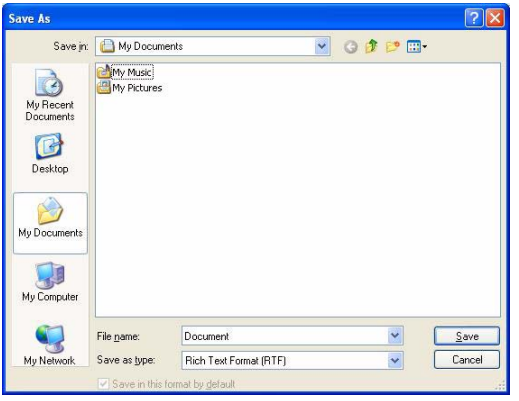
Many programs offer a feature that saves documents at regular intervals. Check your program's documentation to see if it has an automatic save feature.

Saving files

1 In your Windows®-based application, click **File**, and then **Save**.

If you are working with a document that already has a file name, this is all you need to do. If you created a new document, your program displays a Save As dialog box.

Use this dialog box to specify where to store the document and to give it a file name.



(Sample Image) Save As dialog box

2 Choose the drive and folder where you want your file to be stored.

3 Type a file name, then click **Save**.

HINT: To make another copy of the file you are currently working with, click **File**, and then **Save As**, and give the new file a different name.

File names

The Windows® operating system supports long file names that can contain up to 255 characters and can include spaces. Some applications do not support long file names and require file names limited to no more than eight characters.

You may use all the letters and numbers on the keyboard plus these characters: _ ^ $ ~ ! # % & { } ( ) @ and '. File names are not case-sensitive.

Using a file extension

Most programs assign an extension to the file name that identifies the file as being created in the program with a particular format. For example, Microsoft® Word saves files with a .doc extension. Any file name with an extension of ".doc" is assumed to be a Microsoft® Word file. Creating your own extension is usually unwise, since the program is unlikely to recognize a strange extension and may refuse to handle your file correctly.

TECHNICAL NOTE: By default, the Windows® operating system does not show file extensions. For information on showing or hiding file extensions, see your Windows® online Help.

Printing your work

Ensure the operating system is set up for your printer as described in "Setting up a printer" on page 61.

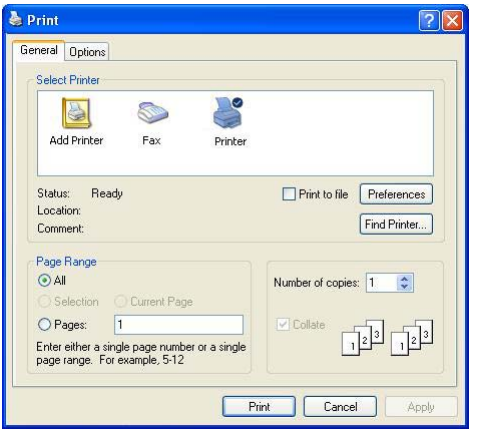
HINT: You only need to set up the printer the first time you connect it. If you use more than one printer or are changing printers, you will need to set up the Windows® operating system to run with the additional printer(s).

To print a file:

1 If your printer is not on, turn it on now.

2 In your Windows® application, click **File**, and then **Print**.

The program displays a Print dialog box.



(Sample Image) Print dialog box

3 Specify the print parameters. For example, the range of pages and number of copies to print.

4 Click **Print**.

Backing up your work

Back up all the files you create in case something happens to your computer. You can back up your files to different types of media such as CDs, DVDs, external storage media, or to a network, if available.

To back up several files at one time, use the Microsoft® Windows® backup program preinstalled on the computer's internal storage drive. Also see "Backing up your data to CDs with the Windows® operating system" on page 152.

HINT: Backing up all the files on your internal storage drive may take a considerable amount of time and multiple CDs/DVDs. You may prefer to use a high-capacity backup system, such as an external hard drive.

Restoring your work

To restore information from your backup media to your internal storage drive, use the Restore page in the backup program. Look in the online Help or your operating system documentation for information on restoring files.

TECHNICAL NOTE: When restoring files, the backup program prompts you if you try to overwrite a file that already exists on the internal storage drive. Make sure the backup version is the one you want before overwriting the existing file.

Toshiba's online resources

Toshiba maintains a number of online sites to which you can connect. These sites provide information about Toshiba products, give help with technical questions and keep you up to date with future upgrades. For more information, see "Contacting Toshiba" on page 157.

Chapter 3

Mobile Computing

This chapter covers all aspects of using your computer while traveling.

Toshiba's energy-saver design

Your computer enters a low-power suspension mode when it is not being used, thereby conserving energy and saving money in the process. It has a number of other features that enhance its energy efficiency.

Many of these energy-saving features have been preset by Toshiba. We recommend you leave these features active, allowing your computer to operate at its maximum energy efficiency, so that you can use it for longer periods while traveling.

Running the computer on battery power

The computer contains a removable Lithium-Ion (Li-Ion) battery that provides power when you are away from an AC outlet. You can recharge it many times.

Battery Notice

Battery life may vary considerably from specifications depending on product model, configuration, applications, power management settings and features utilized, as well as the natural performance variations produced by the design of individual components. Published battery life numbers are achieved on select models and configurations tested by Toshiba at the time of publication. Recharge time varies depending on usage. Battery may not charge while the computer is consuming full power.

After a period of time, the battery will lose its ability to perform at maximum capacity and will need to be replaced. This is normal for all batteries. To purchase a new battery pack, see the accessories information that shipped with your computer or visit the Toshiba Web site at accessories.toshiba.com. Use only batteries designed to work with your Toshiba computer.

To ensure that the battery maintains its maximum capacity, operate the computer on battery power at least once a month. The Lithium-Ion battery has no memory effect so it is not necessary to let the battery fully discharge each time. However, for better accuracy of the battery meter, it is helpful to fully discharge the battery periodically. Please see "Maintaining your battery" on page 97 for procedures. If the computer is continuously operated on AC power, either through an AC adaptor or a port replicator (if applicable to your system), for an extended period (more than a month), the battery may fail to retain a charge. This may shorten the life of the battery, and may cause the battery meter to be inaccurate.

The computer also has an internal real-time-clock (RTC) battery.

The RTC battery powers the RTC memory that stores your system configuration settings and the current time and date information. It maintains this information for up to a month while the computer is turned off.

TECHNICAL NOTE: Depending on your system, the RTC battery may only charge while the computer is turned on.

Power management

Your computer ships with the power management options preset to a configuration that will provide the most stable operating environment and optimum system performance for both AC power and battery modes.

CAUTION Changes to these settings may result in system performance or stability issues. Users who are not completely familiar with the power management component of the system should use the preset configuration. For assistance with setup changes, contact Toshiba's Customer Support Center.

Using additional batteries

In addition to the main battery, you may also have an optional second battery (not included with your computer). If you travel and need to use your computer for many hours without an AC power source, you may purchase a battery module for use in the computer, or carry additional charged battery packs with you. You can then replace a discharged battery and continue using the computer.

For more information on batteries and accessories, see accessories.toshiba.com.

Charging batteries

The battery needs to be charged before you can use it to power the computer.

CAUTION Never leave batteries in the battery charger for more than a week at a time. Doing so may reduce the potential charge of the battery.

Always use the battery charger specified by Toshiba. You can order a Toshiba battery charger from Toshiba's Web site at accessories.toshiba.com.

NOTE Battery charge time may vary depending on the applications, power management settings, and features used.

Charging the main battery

To charge the main battery while it is in your computer, plug the computer into a live electrical outlet. The battery charges whether the computer is on or off.

TECHNICAL NOTE: The recharging of the battery cannot occur when your computer is using all of the power provided by the AC adaptor to run applications, features, and devices. Your computer's Power Options utility can be used to select a power level setting that reduces the power required for system operation and will allow the battery to recharge.

The battery may not start charging immediately under the following conditions:

- The battery is extremely hot or cold.

  To ensure that the battery charges to its full capacity, wait until it reaches room temperature (50 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit, 10 to 26 degrees Celsius).

- The battery is almost completely discharged.

  Leave the power connected and the battery should begin charging after a few minutes.

HINT: Once the battery is fully charged, we recommend that you operate your computer on battery power until the battery discharges completely. Doing this extends battery life and helps ensure accurate monitoring of battery capacity.

Charging the RTC battery

Your computer has an internal real-time clock (RTC) battery. The RTC battery powers the System Time Clock and BIOS memory used to store your computer's configuration settings. When fully charged, it maintains this information for up to a month when the computer is powered off.

The RTC battery may have become completely discharged while your computer was shipped, resulting in a CMOS error message during startup. The error message may vary by computer model.

NOTE Depending on your system, the RTC battery may only charge while the computer is turned on.

To recharge the RTC battery, plug the computer into a live electrical outlet and leave the computer powered on for 24 hours.

NOTE It is seldom necessary to charge the RTC battery because it charges while the computer is on. If the RTC battery is low, the real-time clock and calendar may display the incorrect time and date or stop working.

When Hibernation mode is enabled and the RTC battery is completely discharged, a warning prompts you to reset the real-time clock.

The computer can be used while the RTC battery is being charged, although the charging status of the RTC battery cannot be monitored.

Monitoring main battery power

The computer's main battery light gives you an indication of the main battery's current charge. The following also applies to the secondary battery (available on certain models) if installed.

- Glows amber while the main battery is being charged (AC adaptor connected).
- Glows green when the main battery is fully charged.
- Is unlit when the battery has discharged, the battery is not charging, or the AC adaptor is not plugged into the computer or AC outlet.

NOTE Battery life and charge time may vary, depending upon power management settings, applications and features used.

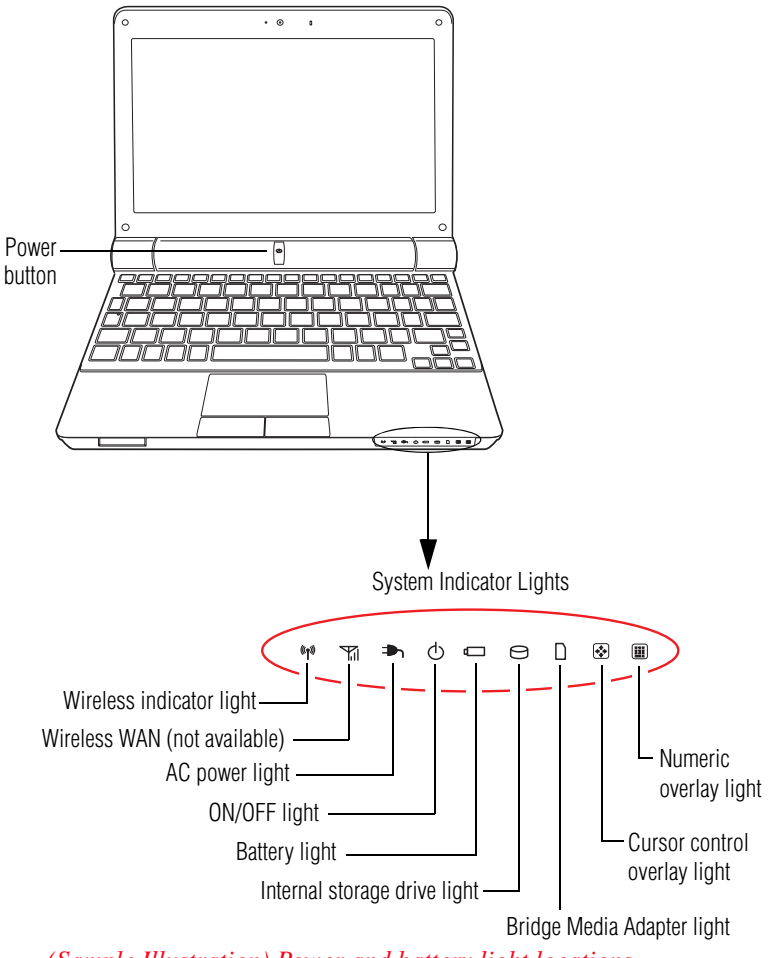
- Flashes amber when the main battery charge is low and it is time to recharge the main battery or plug in the AC adaptor.

NOTE If the AC power light flashes amber during charging, either a battery pack is malfunctioning, or it is not receiving correct input from the AC power supply.

Disconnect the AC power cord/cable and remove the battery pack. See "Changing the main battery" on page 93 for information on replacing the main battery.

HINT: Be careful not to confuse the battery light (▭) with the ON/OFF light (⏻).

When the ON/OFF light flashes amber, it indicates that the system is suspended (using the Windows® operating system Standby command).



(Sample Illustration) Power and battery light locations

Determining remaining battery power

NOTE Wait at least 16 seconds after turning on the computer before trying to monitor the remaining battery power. The computer needs this time to check the battery's remaining capacity and perform its calculations.

1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Performance and Maintenance**, and then **TOSHIBA Power Saver**.

2. Click the **TOSHIBA Power Saver** icon.

   The Power Saver Properties window appears.

   The remaining battery charge is indicated on the left side of the dialog box.

   With repeated discharges and recharges, the battery's capacity gradually decreases. A frequently used older battery does not power the computer for as long as a new battery, even when both are fully charged.

TECHNICAL NOTE: The computer drains the battery faster at low temperatures. Check your remaining charge frequently if you are working in temperatures below 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

The computer calculates the remaining battery charge based on your current rate of power use and other factors such as the age of the battery.

What to do when the main battery runs low

When the main battery runs low you can:

- Plug the computer into an external power source and recharge the main battery
- Place the computer into Hibernation mode and replace the main battery with a charged spare (not included with your computer)
- Save your work and turn off the computer

If you do not manage to do any of these things before the main battery completely runs out of power, the computer automatically enters Hibernation mode and turns itself off. Hibernation mode keeps track of where you were, so that when you turn on the power again, you can continue where you left off.

If you have Hibernation mode enabled (the default), the computer copies the details of your open programs and files to the internal storage drive before shutting down. For more information on using Hibernation, see "Hibernation mode" on page 63.

Setting battery alarms

You can set two alarms. Each alarm can be set to alert you when a specified percentage of remaining battery power has been reached. You can set how the warning occurs: sound an alarm, display a message, both, or none. You can also set the computer to enter Standby mode or Hibernation mode or to completely power down when the alarm goes off.

To change the default alarm settings:

1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Performance and Maintenance**, and then **TOSHIBA Power Saver**.
2. Click the **Setup Action** tab.
3. Configure the **Alarm settings** to suit your needs.

Conserving battery power

How long a fully charged battery pack lasts when you are using the computer depends on a number of factors, such as:

- How the computer is configured
- How much you use the internal storage drive or other optional devices
- Where you are using the computer, since operating time decreases at low temperatures

There are various ways in which you can conserve power and extend the operating time of your battery:

- Enable Standby or Hibernation, which saves power when you turn off the computer and turn it back on again
- Use Toshiba's power-saving options

These power-saving options control the way in which the computer is configured. By using them, you can increase the length of time you can use the computer before you need to recharge the battery.

Toshiba has combined these options into preset Power Profiles. Using one of these profiles lets you choose between maximum power savings and peak system performance. You may also set individual power-saving options to suit your own needs.

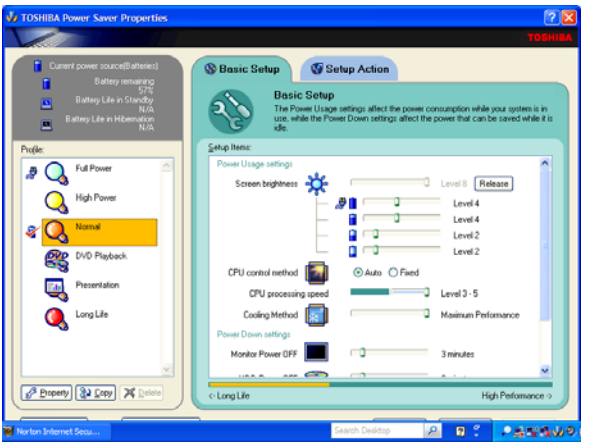
The following sections describe how to choose a Power Profile and discuss each power-saving option.

Power Profiles

You can choose a predefined Power Profile or select your own combination of power management options. To do this:

1 Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Performance and Maintenance**, and then **TOSHIBA Power Saver**.

The TOSHIBA Power Saver Properties window appears.



(Sample Image) TOSHIBA Power Saver Properties window

2 Select your own custom profile.

By changing the options that appear in the Power Saver Properties dialog box and clicking **OK**, you can reconfigure that function. You may choose a power-saving management strategy to best suit your computing needs. If you are running on batteries and the programs that you are using do not require a lot of system resources, you may experience longer work sessions by enabling the Normal setting. Any options that you change become the active settings when you exit the program. (You do not have to restart your system before they become active settings.)

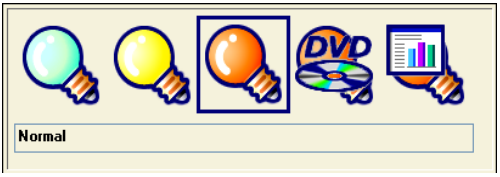
For more information, see "TOSHIBA Power Saver" on page 120.

Using a hot key to set the Power Profile

You may use a hot key to set the Power Profile.

To set the Power Profile:

1 Press Fn and F2 simultaneously to display the Power Profile pop-up window.



(Sample Image) Power Profile pop-up window

2 While continuing to press Fn, press F2 until you select the desired Power Profile.

The Power Profile options are: Full Power, High Power, Normal, DVD Playback, Presentation, and Long Life.

3 Release the Fn key.

The pop-up window disappears. You are now in the selected mode.

For more information on setting the battery Power Profile, see "Power Profiles" on page 92.

Changing the main battery

When your main battery has run out of power, you have two options: plug in the AC adaptor or install a charged main battery.

WARNING Never short circuit the battery pack by either accidentally or intentionally bringing the battery terminals in contact with another conductive object. This could cause serious injury or fire, and could also damage the battery pack and computer.

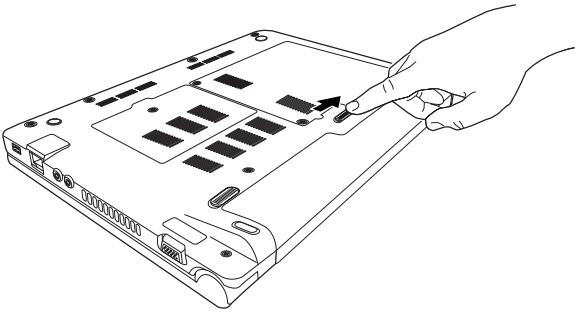
- Never expose a battery pack to abnormal shock, vibration or pressure. The battery pack's internal protective device could fail, causing it to overheat or ignite, resulting in caustic liquid leakage, or explosion or fire, possibly resulting in death or serious injury.

TECHNICAL NOTE: To avoid losing any data, save your files and then either completely turn off your computer or put it into Hibernation mode before changing the main battery.

Removing the battery from the computer

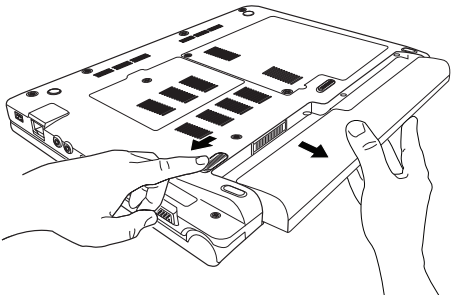
To remove the battery:

1. Save your work.
2. Turn off the computer or place it in Hibernation mode according to the instructions in "Using and configuring Hibernation mode" on page 66.
3. Unplug and remove any cables connected to the computer, including the AC adaptor.
4. Close the display panel and turn the computer upside down.
5. Slide the battery release lock to the unlocked position.



(Sample Illustration) Unlocking the battery release lock

6. Slide the battery release latch to release the battery.
7. Pull the discharged battery out of the computer.



(Sample Illustration) Removing the battery

WARNING If the battery is leaking or its case is cracked, put on protective gloves to handle it, and discard it immediately. Always dispose of used battery packs in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Put insulating tape, such as cellophane tape, on the electrode during transportation to avoid a possible short circuit, fire or electric shock. Failure to do so could possibly result in serious injury.

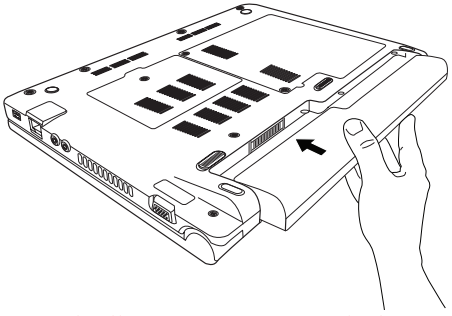
Inserting a charged battery

To insert a battery:

1. Wipe the terminals of the charged battery with a clean cloth to ensure a good connection.
2. Insert the charged battery into the slot until the latch clicks.

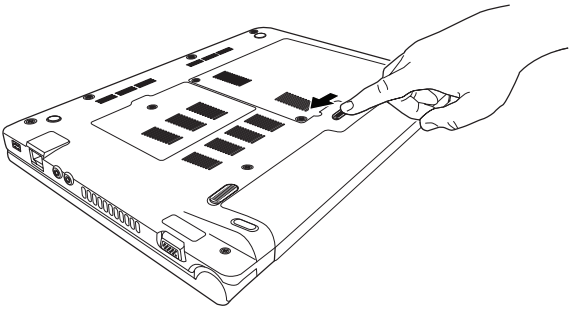
   The battery pack has been designed so that you cannot install it with reverse polarity.

CAUTION If the battery does not slide into the slot easily, move the battery release lock to the unlocked position and try again. Do not force the battery into position.



(Sample Illustration) Inserting the battery

3 Slide the battery release lock to the locked position.



(Sample Illustration) Locking the battery release lock

4 Turn the computer right side up.

5 Reconnect any cables that were removed in step 3 of "Removing the battery from the computer" on page 94.

6 Restart the computer.

Taking care of your battery

The following sections offer tips on how to take care of your battery and prolong its life.

Safety precautions

- If the battery pack produces an odor, overheats or changes color or shape while it is being used or charged, turn off the computer's power immediately and disconnect the power cord/cable from the power socket. Carefully remove the battery pack from the computer.
- Do not try to disassemble a battery pack.
- Do not overcharge or reverse charge a battery. Overcharging will shorten its life, and reverse charging could damage it.
- Avoid touching the metal terminals of the battery with another metal object. Short-circuiting the battery can cause it to overheat and may cause damage to the battery or the computer.
- Do not incinerate a spent battery, as this could cause it to explode and release caustic liquid.
- If a battery is leaking or damaged, replace it immediately. Use protective gloves when handling a damaged battery.

- To replace the main battery, use an identical battery that you can purchase through the Toshiba Web site at accessories.toshiba.com.
- A reverse polarity condition should be avoided with all batteries. The main battery is designed so that it cannot be installed in reverse polarity.
- Charge the battery only in the computer or in a battery charger designated as an approved option.
- When you install the battery pack, you should hear a click when it is seated properly.
- Do not expose the battery pack to fire. The battery pack could explode.

Maintaining your battery

Fully discharging your battery pack will allow better accuracy of the battery meter.

To fully discharge your battery pack:

- Periodically, disconnect the computer from a power source and operate it on battery power until the battery pack fully discharges. Before doing so, follow the steps below:

  1. Turn off the computer's power.
  2. Disconnect the AC adaptor and turn on the computer's power. If it does not turn on, go to step 4.
  3. Operate the computer on battery power for five minutes. If the battery pack has at least five minutes of operating time, continue operating until the battery pack is fully discharged. If the battery light flashes or there is some other warning to indicate a low battery, go to step 4.
  4. Connect the AC adaptor to the computer and the power cord/cable to a power outlet. The AC power-light should glow green, and the battery light should glow amber to indicate that the battery pack is being charged. If the AC power-light indicator does not glow, power is not being supplied. Check the connections for the AC adaptor and power cord/cable.
  5. Charge the battery pack until the battery light glows green.

- If you have extra battery packs, rotate their use.
- If you will not be using the system for an extended period, more than one month, remove the battery pack.

- If you are not going to use the computer for more than eight hours, disconnect the AC adaptor.
- Store spare battery packs in a cool dry place out of direct sunlight.

Disposing of used batteries

The life of a battery pack depends on usage. When the battery pack needs replacing, the main battery light flashes amber shortly after you have fully recharged the battery.

You must discard a battery if it becomes damaged.

WARNING Never attempt to dispose of a battery pack by burning or by throwing it into a fire, and never allow exposure to a heating apparatus (e.g., microwave oven). Heat can cause a battery pack to explode and/or release caustic liquid, both which may possibly cause serious injury.

Always dispose of used battery packs in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Put insulating tape, such as cellophane tape, on the electrode during transportation to avoid a possible short circuit, fire or electric shock. Failure to do so could possibly result in serious injury.

WARNING Always use the battery pack supplied as an accessory or an equivalent battery pack specified in the User's Manual. Other battery packs have different voltage and terminal polarities. Use of non-conforming battery packs could generate smoke or cause fire or rupture, possibly resulting in serious injury.

After repeated use, the batteries will finally lose their ability to hold a charge and you will need to replace them. Under certain applicable laws and regulations, it may be illegal to dispose of old batteries by placing them in the trash.

Please be kind to our shared environment. Check with your local government authority for details regarding where to recycle old batteries or how to dispose of them properly. If you cannot find the information you need elsewhere, call Toshiba at: (800) 457-7777.

In addition, Toshiba's recycling initiatives include recycling programs, events and consumer promotions. For details, visit www.ToshibaDirect.com, select Recycling & Trade-in programs, or enter **Recycle** in the search bar.

Toshiba is dedicated to preserving the environment by sponsoring ***Call2Recycle***™, a program of the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation. For more information and for drop-off locations, visit www.rbrc.org or call 1-800-822-8837.

Notice regarding CR coin cell batteries, applicable to California, U.S.A. only:

> Perchlorate Material - special handling may apply.
> See http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate/

Traveling tips

The environmental precautions listed in "Getting comfortable with your computer" on page 29, also apply while traveling.

- Never leave your computer on a sunny ledge or in a place where it could get wet or covered in dust.
- Always travel with the computer in a carrying case. Toshiba offers a choice of carrying cases for the computer. They all provide plenty of extra space for manuals, power cords, and compact discs. Contact your authorized Toshiba representative for more information or visit Toshiba's Web site at accessories.toshiba.com.

TECHNICAL NOTE: When traveling by air, you may be required to pass your computer through airport security equipment. The X-ray equipment will not harm your computer.

NOTE Before using your computer aboard an aircraft, make sure the Wireless antenna is set to OFF if your computer has wireless LAN capability.

NOTE

- To enable or disable wireless communication, use the Hot Key Fn+F8. For more information see "Hot Keys" on page 160.
- Each time you restart or reboot your computer, wireless communication is reset to enabled (ON) by default.

Chapter 4

Exploring Your Computer's Features

In this chapter, you will explore some of the special features of your computer.

Exploring the desktop

The desktop is the launching pad for everything you can do in the Windows® operating system. You use its features to start programs, find documents, set up system components, and perform most other computing tasks.

HINT: The illustrated examples in this guide may appear slightly different from the screens displayed by your system. The differences are not significant and do not indicate any change in the functionality of your system.

Finding your way around the desktop

Your computer's desktop includes several standard features: icons, Start button, Taskbar, System tray, and background pattern.

(Sample Image) Windows® operating system desktop

Icons

An icon represents a folder, file, or program that can be quickly activated by double-clicking the icon.

You can create a new desktop icon for any folder, file, or program by dragging the element's icon from its location in a window to the desktop area.

Various icons are initially displayed on your system desktop, for example:

Recycle Bin—Holds files you have deleted. You may be able to retrieve these files until you empty the Recycle Bin.

TECHNICAL NOTE: If you delete a file from flash media or from a diskette or disc in an optional external drive, it does not go into the Recycle Bin. For more information on the Recycle Bin, see Windows® online Help.

NOTE If you place the cursor over an icon, a popup description of the file contents appears.

Your desktop may contain other icons depending on your configuration. See Windows® online Help for more specific information on each icon and how to use it.

Start button

You use the Start button to:

- Start programs
- Access Microsoft® Windows® operating system update
- Open documents
- Adjust system settings
- Find files
- Access Windows® Help
- Run programs
- Suspend system activity and turn off the computer

Taskbar

Each time you open a program, a button associated with that program appears on the Taskbar. With some programs, a button appears on the Taskbar for each document or window you open. You can use these buttons to quickly switch between the programs or windows.

To make a program or window the currently active one, click the associated Taskbar button.

System tray

The System tray displays icons of tasks or programs that run continuously in the background. To learn more about each task, position the cursor over the icon for a few moments and a short description of the task appears.

Typical tasks in the System tray are Current time, Power usage mode, Mouse properties, and speaker volume.

To activate a specific task, double-click the appropriate System tray icon.

Setting up for communications

To connect to the Internet, or use an online service, you need:

- A browser or communications program
- An Internet Service Provider (ISP) or online service if you plan to use the Internet
- A way to connect to the ISP (for example Wi-Fi®/LAN etc.)

Using Wireless LAN connectivity

NOTE Wireless connectivity and some features may require you to purchase additional software, external hardware or services. Availability of public wireless LAN access points may be limited.

Your system comes with a LAN module. This is a technology that expands wireless communication beyond networking equipment, and can connect many different kinds of electronic devices without the need for cables.

For information on how to set up a wireless connection, refer to your wireless networking device documentation or your network administrator.

To turn your wireless communication ON/OFF, press Fn + F8.

NOTE

- To enable or disable wireless communication, use the Hot Key Fn+F8. For more information see "Hot Keys" on page 160.
- Each time you restart or reboot your computer, wireless communication is reset to enabled (ON) by default.

NOTE When the Wireless antenna is ON, the wireless indicator light will be lit.

For help with common Wi-Fi® networking problems, see "Wireless networking problems" on page 147.

Connecting your computer to a network

You can connect your computer to a network to increase its capabilities and functionality using one of its communication ports.

Accessing a network

To access a network, connect an Ethernet cable to the Network port (RJ45) on your computer. For specific information about connecting to the network, consult your network administrator. Many hotels, airports, and offices offer Wi-Fi® access. If your computer has Wi-Fi®, ask them for help when connecting to their Wi-Fi® network.

An overview of using the Internet

The following sections give a quick introduction to the Internet and some of its exciting features, under these headings:

- The Internet
- The World Wide Web
- Internet Service Providers
- Connecting to the Internet
- Surfing the Internet
- Internet features
- Uploading to, and downloading files from, the Internet

The Internet

The Internet is an association of thousands of networks and millions of computers around the world connected by communications lines. They all work together to share information.

The World Wide Web

The World Wide Web (or "Web") is a subset of the Internet—a collection of interlinked documents (located on computers connected to the Internet) that work together using a specific Internet protocol called Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

The World Wide Web offers information as text, images, audio, or video to be referenced from anywhere in the world. Special programs called Web browsers are specifically designed to work with HTTP. They make it easier to connect to a particular network address and send and receive information.

Internet Service Providers

To connect a computer directly to the Internet, many people and businesses use an Internet Service Provider (ISP). An ISP is a company that has the equipment and the telecommunication lines necessary to maintain an Internet connection.

You can connect to the Internet by using a communication method such as Digital Subscriber Lines (DSL), cable, and satellite links.

Connecting to the Internet

To connect to the Internet, you need:

- A browser or communications program
- An Internet Service Provider (ISP) or online service if you plan to use the Internet
- A way to connect to the ISP (for example Wi-Fi®/LAN etc.)

Once you have established an ISP account, you can connect to the Internet.

If you are using your computer at the office, then you probably connect to the Internet through your company's network. See your network administrator about connecting to the Internet.

Surfing the Internet

Once connected to the Internet, the Web browser displays a home page, for example, your ISP's home page on the Internet or your company's Web site home page.

To visit a desired Web site, type in the Web address. The Web address, or Uniform Resource Locator (URL), is a unique identifier for that computer system linked to the Internet. Web addresses can also appear within a Web page's text, and are known as links. Clicking a link automatically transfers your Web browser to that site.

You can also use a Search Engine, a Web site specifically designed to help you look for information.

NOTE To improve screen resolution and increase/decrease screen size, press Fn+2 to zoom in and Fn+1 to zoom out.

Internet features

The Internet offers many types of communication tools to help you perform many tasks.

- Internet email

  To send and receive email of your own, you need a mailbox on the Web or an email address.

  If you have an account with an ISP, you can probably set up an email address at the same time you sign up for the service.

- Internet chat rooms

  A chat room is a Web site that offers a place where people with similar interests and ideas communicate in real-time, one-on-one or in groups, by typing messages which are instantly viewed by others on their computer screens.

- Internet news groups

  A news group is similar to a chat room, but instead of using a dedicated site to converse about a specialized subject with others in real-time, it uses a Web site as a clearinghouse where all the messages are placed, like a gigantic bulletin board.

- Blogs

  A blog is an online journal where an individual, group, or corporation can offer a record of activities, thoughts, or beliefs. Materials are mostly written, but videos, audio, and images are widely used elements as well. Some blogs present original material, while others operate mainly as news filters, bringing in various online sources and adding short comments and Internet links. They may also provide a forum to encourage visitors to leave comments and to interact with the publisher.

- Message boards

  A Message board is a script on a Web site with a submission form that allows visitors to post messages (called "threads" or "posts") on that Web site for others to read that pertain to a particular subject, and unlike blogs, are generally short messages. These messages may be sorted within discussion categories, or topics, chosen by the host, or even the visitor. A message board may also be called a "Web board" or a "forum."

- Online shopping

  Many Web sites offer products and services for sale.

Uploading to, and downloading files from, the Internet

Transferring files from one computer to another is termed uploading (transferring data from your computer to a site on the Web), or downloading (transferring data from a site on the Web to your computer).

There are several ways to upload or download data. It can be as simple as attaching a file or document to an email, or you can use the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) features of your Web browser to transfer large amounts of data.

Exploring audio features

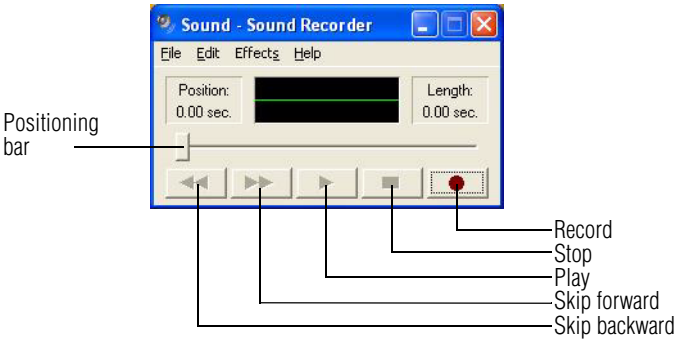
You can use your computer to record sounds using the computer's internal microphone or an optional external microphone. You can listen to sound files using the built-in speaker, headphones, or external speakers.

Recording sounds

You may record sounds using the computer's internal microphone or by connecting an optional external microphone.

Using a microphone

1. If you want to use an external microphone, connect it to the computer.
2. Click **Start**, **All Programs**, **Accessories**, **Entertainment**, and then **Sound Recorder**.



(Sample Image) Sound Recorder screen

3. Click the **Record** button.
4. Speak normally into the microphone.

NOTE For better sound quality, you may need to speak closer to the internal microphone.

5 When you have finished recording, click the **Stop** button.

The Sound Recorder window displays the new sound file as a waveform.

NOTE You can only record 60 seconds at a time.

6 To hear what you just recorded, click the **Play** button.

7 To save the file, click **File**, and then **Save**.

NOTE The microphone on your computer might be set to Mute. To check this, click Start, All Programs, Accessories, Entertainment, and then Volume Control.

Using external speakers or headphones

Your computer is equipped with a sound system with an internal speaker. Instead of using the internal speaker, you can connect headphones or a pair of external stereo speakers.

CAUTION Before putting on headphones to listen, turn the volume down. Do not set the volume too high when using headphones. Continuous exposure to loud sound can harm your hearing.

TECHNICAL NOTE: When using amplified speakers, use speakers that require an external power source. Other types of speakers will be inadequate to produce sound from the computer.

To play back sound files through external speakers or headphones:

1 Locate the headphone jack on the computer.

2 Using any necessary adapters, plug the cable from the headphones or external speakers into the headphone jack.

The headphone jack requires a 16-ohm stereo mini-jack.

To adjust the volume:

- For external speakers, use the volume controls on each speaker.
- For headphones, use the computer's volume control.

Using the Web Camera

Your computer may come with a built-in Web Camera. With this Web Camera you can do the following:

- Take pictures and record videos with your computer
- Chat with others and have them see you while using instant messaging (IM) programs
- Have video conference calls

NOTE To email, instant message or video conference, you must be connected to the Internet.

Depending on your computer model, the process of sending email, taking pictures or recording video messages may vary.

The Web Camera software, by default, should already be running in the System tray. The Web Camera indicator light glows blue when the Web Camera is on.

Using the Bridge Media Adapter Slot

The Bridge Media Adapter slot supports the use of Secure Digital™ (SD™) and MMC® (MultiMediaCard®) media. These media can be used with a variety of digital products: digital music players, cellular phones, PDAs, digital cameras, digital video camcorders, etc.

CAUTION To use a micro or mini SD card, an SD adapter is required.

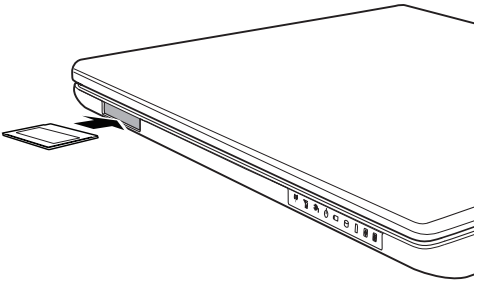
The Bridge Media Adapter slot may also support other types of media. For a complete list of supported media, visit Toshiba's Web site at accessories.toshiba.com.

NOTE Do not use the Copy Disk function for this type of media. To copy data from one media to another, use the drag-and-drop feature of the Windows® operating system.

Inserting memory media

The following instructions apply to all types of supported media devices.

1. Turn the media so that the contacts (metal areas) are face down.
2. Push the media into the adapter until it locks in place.



(Sample Illustration) Inserting memory media

CAUTION When inserting memory media, do not touch the metal contacts. You could expose the storage area to static electricity, which can destroy data.

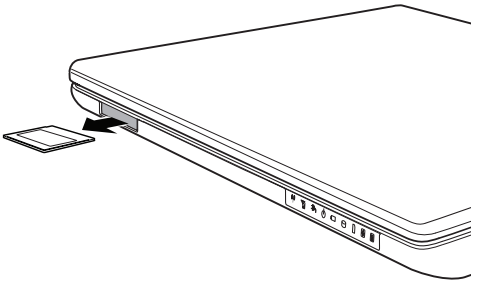
Removing memory media

1. Prepare the media for removal by clicking the **Safely Remove Hardware** icon in the System tray and then selecting the card or device you want to remove.

   If the system is unable to prepare the media for safe removal, a message will tell you to try again later. If the media can be removed now, the system displays **Safe to Remove Hardware**.
2. Gently press the card inward to release it.

   The card pops out slightly.

3 Grasp the card and pull it straight out.



(Sample Illustration) Removing memory media

CAUTION Do not remove memory media while data is being written or read. Even when the Windows® message "copying..." disappears, writing to the media might still be in progress and your data could be destroyed. Wait for the indicator light to go out.

Chapter 5

Utilities

Your computer includes several utilities designed to help you to reconfigure your system to best meet your individual needs. Together, these allow you to ascertain certain system details, set additional options, or change default options. These utilities are described in this chapter.

NOTE The utilities described in this chapter, and the icons shown in the sample images are applicable only if the related utility is available on your system.

- TOSHIBA Recovery Disc Creator
- TOSHIBA Application Installer
- TOSHIBA Password Utility
- TOSHIBA PC Diagnostic Tool Utility
- TOSHIBA HDD Protection Utility
- Fn-esse®
- TOSHIBA SD™ Memory Card Format Utility
- TOSHIBA Power Saver
- Mouse Utility
- TOSHIBA Hardware Setup

- TOSHIBA Zooming Utility
- TOSHIBA Accessibility

TOSHIBA Recovery Disc Creator

To create a recovery DVD:

1. Connect an optional external writable optical drive.
2. Click **Start**, **All Programs, TOSHIBA, Recovery,** and then **Recovery Disc Creator**.
3. Select **DVD** (to create Recovery media on DVD).
4. Select the items you want to copy by clicking the check box next to the item's Name—recovery files, applications (original bundled drivers and applications), or both the recovery files and applications.
5. Click **Create**.
6. Insert the blank DVD into your optional external writable optical drive when prompted.
7. Follow the on-screen prompts for completing the copy process.

For more information on using the Recovery media you have created with the preceding steps see "Restoring using the Recovery Media" on page 55.

TOSHIBA Application Installer

The TOSHIBA Application Installer allows you to reinstall the drivers and applications that were originally bundled with your computer.

To reinstall drivers and applications:

1. Click **Start**, **All Programs**, **TOSHIBA**, **Recovery**, and then **TOSHIBA Application Installer**.
2. Click **Next**.
3. Click the item you want to install.
4. Click **Install**, then follow the on-screen prompts to complete the installation process.

TOSHIBA Password Utility

The TOSHIBA Password Utility allows you to set a user-level password in the TOSHIBA Hardware Setup Utility.

A user password provides power-on password protection.

CAUTION If you choose to set a supervisor or user password, Toshiba strongly recommends that you save your password in a location where you can later access it should you not remember it.

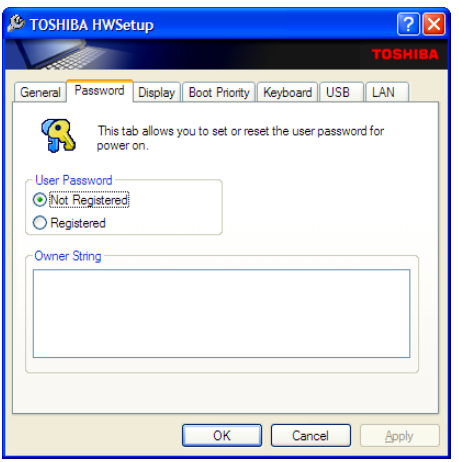
Toshiba is not responsible for any losses that may occur to you, your organization or others as a result of the inability to access your computer.

To register a password for the power-on password functions:

1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Printers and other Hardware**, and then **TOSHIBA Hardware Setup Utility**.

   The TOSHIBA Hardware Setup Utility window appears.

2. Select the **Password** tab.



(Sample Image) TOSHIBA Password Utility tab

3 Select **Registered** and then click **OK**.

4 Enter your password, and then enter it again to verify.

5 Click **OK** to exit.

Deleting a user password

To cancel the power-on password function:

1 Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Printers and other Hardware**, and then **TOSHIBA Hardware Setup Utility**.

The TOSHIBA Hardware Setup Utility window appears.

2 Select the **Password** tab.

3 Select **Delete**, and then click **OK**.

A pop-up screen appears asking for a password.

4 Enter the user password, then click **OK**.

5 A pop-up screen will appear, then click **OK**.

TOSHIBA PC Diagnostic Tool Utility

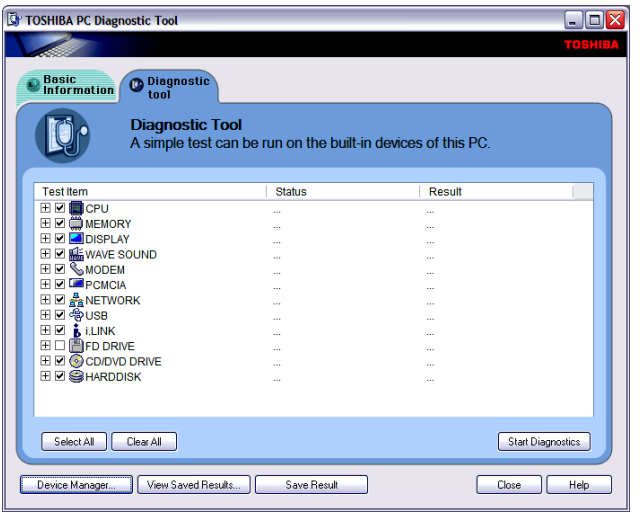
This utility can help diagnose problems with devices in your computer. Refer to the online Help documentation within the application for additional help.

NOTE The TOSHIBA PC Diagnostic Tool utility may show tests for features you do not have. This is normal and does not indicate a problem.

To use the TOSHIBA PC Diagnostic Tool utility:

1. Click **Start**, **All Programs**, **TOSHIBA**, **Utilities**, and then **PC Diagnostic Tool**.

   The TOSHIBA PC Diagnostic Tool window appears.



(Sample Image) TOSHIBA PC Diagnostic Tool window

2. Select the devices that you would like to test by clicking the check box that appears to the left of the device.

NOTE Click the + (plus) and - (minus) symbols to expand and collapse the categories.

3. Click **Start Diagnostics** when you are ready to begin the tests.

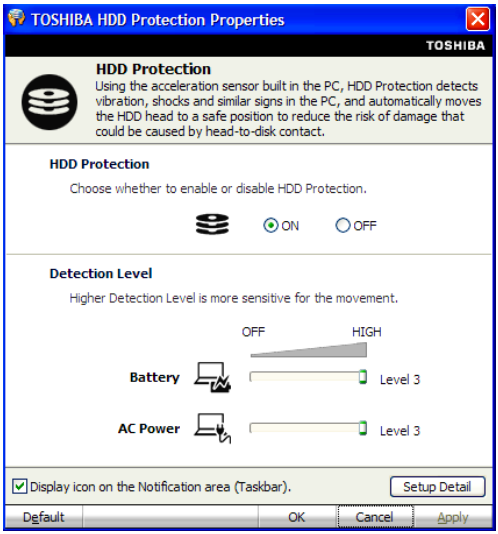
TOSHIBA HDD Protection Utility

The TOSHIBA HDD Protection utility controls your computer's hard disk drive (HDD) protection feature, which parks the HDD whenever motion is detected on the computer. Using this utility, you can enable or disable hard disk drive (HDD) protection, and set the motion detector's sensitivity level for AC power and battery power operation.

To use the TOSHIBA HDD Protection utility:

1. Click **Start**, **All Programs**, **TOSHIBA**, **Utilities**, and then **HDD Protection Settings**.

   The TOSHIBA HDD Protection Properties window appears.


TOSHIBA HDD Protection Properties
TOSHIBA
HDD Protection
Using the acceleration sensor built in the PC, HDD Protection detects vibration, shocks and similar signs in the PC, and automatically moves the HDD head to a safe position to reduce the risk of damage that could be caused by head-to-disk contact.
HDD Protection
Choose whether to enable or disable HDD Protection.
ON
OFF
Detection Level
Higher Detection Level is more sensitive for the movement.
OFF
HIGH
Battery
Level 3
AC Power
Level 3
Display icon on the Notification area (Taskbar).
Setup Detail
Default
OK
Cancel
Apply

(Sample Image) TOSHIBA HDD Protection Properties window

2. Select **ON** to enable HDD protection, or select **OFF** to disable HDD protection.
3. Set the battery and AC power detection levels as desired.
4. Click **OK**.

Fn-esse®

Desktop shortcuts and Toshiba's Fn-esse program provide quick ways to open programs, documents, and folders from within any Windows®-based program without using the Start menu. For more information on creating desktop shortcuts, refer to the operating system documentation that came with your computer.

This section describes how to use the Fn-esse program to quickly access your programs and files.

With Fn-esse, you can assign an Fn key combination to:

- Open a Windows® operating system program
- Open a file in its associated program
- Display a customized folder of programs and/or files from which to choose

Fn-esse also has several keys, known as hot keys, that perform preassigned operations. For more information, see "Hot Keys" on page 160.

You can assign any key that is not associated with a hot key or a keyboard overlay.

Starting Fn-esse®

Click **Start**, **All Programs**, **TOSHIBA**, **Utilities**, and then **Fn-esse**.

The Fn-esse keyboard appears.

(Sample Image) Fn-esse screen

The keys are color-coded as follows:

- Available keys are dark gray with white letters.
- Assigned keys and keys associated with a popup list are shown on the Fn-esse keyboard in the selected color.
- Unavailable keys are light gray.

There are two ways to assign a key to open a program or document:

- Using drag-and-drop
- Using the keyboard or pointing device

The method most often used is drag-and-drop.

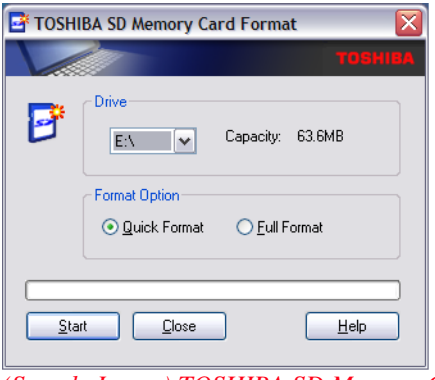
TOSHIBA SD™ Memory Card Format Utility

This utility is used to format SD™ cards used with the Bridge Media Adapter slot.

To format an SD memory card using this utility:

1. Click **Start**, **All Programs**, **TOSHIBA**, **Utilities**, and then **SD Memory Card Format**.

   The TOSHIBA SD Memory Card Format screen appears.



(Sample Image) TOSHIBA SD Memory Card Format screen

2. Select the drive corresponding to the SD memory card.
3. Select the formatting option:
   - **Quick Format**
   - **Full Format**
4. Click **Start** to begin formatting. The formatting progress is displayed in the horizontal bar in the window.
5. When formatting is completed, click **Close** to exit the utility.

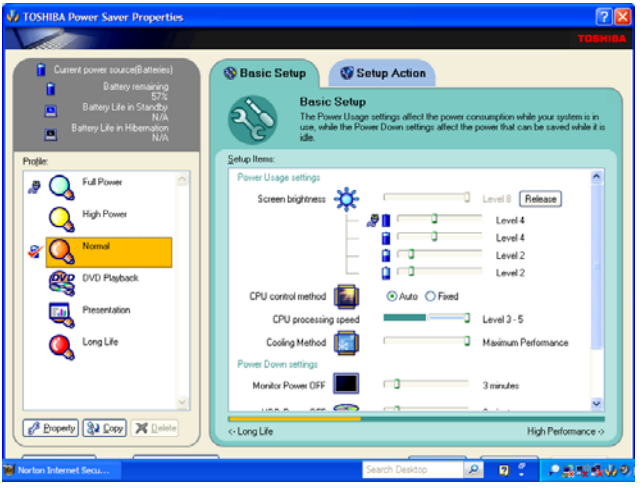
TOSHIBA Power Saver

The TOSHIBA Power Saver is used for power management, enabling you to control your computer's power usage, regardless of the source, and use the many preset power profiles, or create one yourself.

To access TOSHIBA Power Saver:

- Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Performance and Maintenance**, and then **TOSHIBA Power Saver**.

  The TOSHIBA Power Saver Properties window appears.



(Sample Image) TOSHIBA Power Saver Properties window

The Profile panel on the left of the TOSHIBA Power Saver Properties window shows the power profiles used to control power usage for both AC power and battery power, as well as the estimated battery life for each power profile mode.

The profiles shown in the Profile panel consist of the preset power profiles that come with your computer, plus any customized power profiles that you have created.

Preset Power Profiles

The preset power profiles are:

- Full Power
- High Power
- Normal
- DVD Playback
- Presentation
- Long Life

These profiles cannot be deleted. It is not recommended to change the settings of these profiles. If you need a custom profile, create a new profile with the properties you require.

Quickly creating a new power profile

1. Highlight one of the preset profiles.
2. Click **Copy**.

   A new profile appears with the title "Copy of *Name*" where *Name* is the title of the profile you copied.
3. To rename the profile, click **Property**.
4. Type the name for your new profile, and then click **OK**.

Customizing a power profile

1. Select the profile to be customized in the Profile panel.
2. Make the desired changes to the settings on the **Basic Setup** tab and the **Setup Action** tab.
3. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.

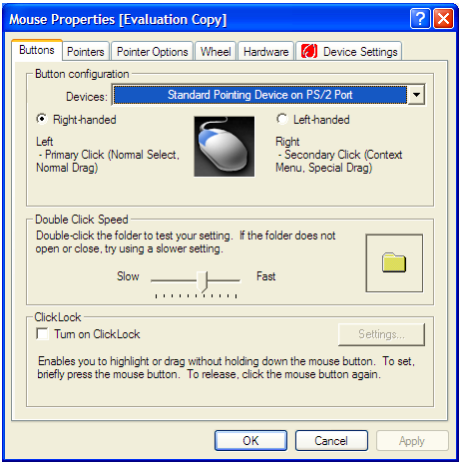
Mouse Utility

The Mouse utility allows you to change your pointing device or mouse settings.

To access the Mouse utility:

1 Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Printers and other Hardware**, and then **Mouse**.

The Mouse Properties screen appears.



(Sample Image) Mouse Properties screen

The settings you can change are divided into these categories:

- Buttons
- Pointers
- Pointer Options
- Wheel
- Hardware
- Device Settings

You may see additional categories depending on your particular pointing device.

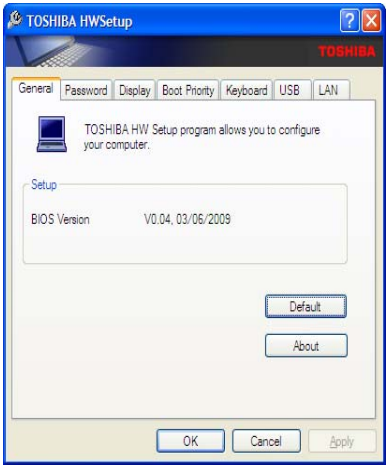
2 Adjust the settings as desired, then click **OK**.

TOSHIBA Hardware Setup

TOSHIBA Hardware Setup is the Toshiba configuration management tool available through the Windows® operating system. To access it:

- Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Printers and other Hardware**, and then **TOSHIBA Hardware Setup**.

  The TOSHIBA Hardware Setup screen appears.



(Sample Image) TOSHIBA Hardware Setup screen – General tab options

The TOSHIBA Hardware Setup screen may have the following tabs:

- **Boot Priority**—Allows you to change the sequence in which your computer searches the drives for the operating system

  You can also manually choose the Boot Priority by pressing the power button to power on the computer, then quickly pressing the F12 key.

  Select the boot device by pressing the arrow keys, then pressing the Enter key.

NOTE Since the system is a quick-booting system, you must press the keys immediately after pressing the power button.

- **Display**—Allows you to change various default settings for the built-in display

NOTE When the computer restarts, it remembers the last configuration. If data does not appear on the display you are using after starting in Sleep Mode, press Fn + F5. For more information, see "Directing the display output when you turn on the computer" on page 59.

- **General**—Allows you to view the current BIOS version or change certain settings back to their default values
- **Keyboard**—Allows you to access the wake-on keyboard function
- **LAN**—Allows you to set networking functions
- **Password**—Allows you to set a user password
- **USB**—Allows you to enable or disable USB Legacy Emulation and enable or disable USB Sleep and Charge

  USB Sleep and Charge function—Your computer can supply USB bus power (DC 5V) to the USB port even when the power of the computer is turned OFF. "Power OFF" includes Sleep Mode, Hibernation Mode or shutdown state.

  This function can only be used for the port that supports the USB Sleep and Charge function (hereinafter called "compatible port").

  A compatible port is a USB port that has the (⚡) symbol icon.

  You can use the "USB Sleep and Charge function" to charge certain USB-compatible external devices such as mobile phones or portable digital music players.

  However, the "USB Sleep and Charge function" may not work with certain external devices even if they are compliant with the USB specification. In those cases, turn the power of the computer ON to charge the device.

NOTE

- The "USB Sleep and Charge function" only works for the compatible port.
- When "USB Sleep and Charge function" is Enabled, USB bus power (DC 5V) will be supplied to the compatible port even when the power of the computer is turned OFF.
- USB bus power (DC 5V) is similarly supplied to the external device which is connected to the compatible port. However, some external devices cannot be charged solely by supplying USB bus power (DC 5V). As for the specifications of the external devices, please contact the device manufacturer or check the specifications of the external devices thoroughly before use.
- Using the "USB Sleep and Charge function" to charge external devices will take longer than charging the devices with their own chargers.

  If an external device is connected to a compatible port when the AC adaptor is not connected to the computer, the battery of the computer will be depleted even when the power of the computer is turned OFF.
- As such, we recommend that you connect the AC adaptor to the computer when using the "USB Sleep and Charge function."
- External devices connected to the USB bus power (DC 5V) function that interfaces with the power ON/OFF of the computer may always be in an operational state.
- When there is a current overflow of the external devices connected to the compatible ports, USB bus power (DC 5V) supply may be stopped for safety reasons.

⚠WARNING Metal paper clips or hair pins/clips will generate heat if they come into contact with USB ports. Do not allow USB ports to come into contact with metal products, for example when carrying the computer in your bag.

USB Sleep and Charge function Settings—The default setting is Disabled. Changing the setting to Enabled enables the use of this function. To change the setting, launch TOSHIBA Hardware Setup and click on the USB tab. There are two modes, Mode-1 and Mode-2 in Enabled. For normal use, set the setting to Mode-1.

If the function does not work with Mode-1 setting, change it to Mode-2. Some external devices may not be able to use this function in either mode. When this happens, change the setting to Disabled.

Setting item:

Enabled (Mode-1) -- Enables the function

Enabled (Mode-2) -- Enables the function

Disabled (Default) -- Disables the function

USB Wakeup function—This function restores the computer from Sleep Mode depending on the external devices connected to the USB ports.

NOTE

"USB Wakeup function" will supply USB bus power (DC 5V) to all USB ports, including the compatible port, even when the computer is in Sleep Mode. USB bus power (DC 5V) will not be supplied if the computer is in Hibernation Mode or shutdown state.

When "USB Sleep and Charge function" is Enabled in TOSHIBA Hardware Setup, the "USB Wakeup function" does not work for the compatible port. The Wakeup setting (function to allow the Wakeup) check box will be displayed on the Device Manager and even though you can change the settings the "USB Wakeup function" will not work. If you want to use the "USB Wakeup function," attach the mouse or keyboard to a USB port that does not have the "USB Sleep and Charge function"-compatible icon ( ), if you have a non-Sleep and Charge USB port available.

If all USB ports have the USB Sleep and Charge function-compatible icon ( ), change the "USB Sleep and Charge function" setting to **Disabled**. The "USB Wakeup function" will now work, but the "USB Sleep and Charge function" will be disabled.

By changing any of the options that appear in the dialog boxes and clicking **Apply**, you can reconfigure that function. Any options that you change will become default settings when you restart your system.

TOSHIBA Zooming Utility

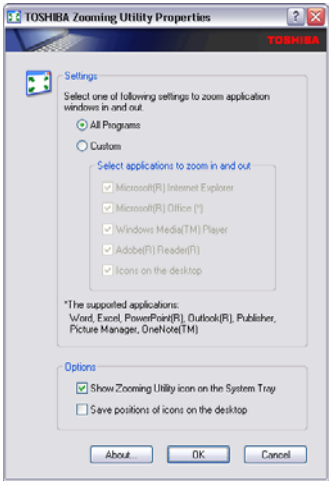
This utility allows you to select which applications will work with the zoom in/out hot keys (see "Hot Keys" on page 160). You may select all applications or any subset of the following:

- Microsoft® Internet Explorer®
- Microsoft® Office
- Windows Media® Player
- Adobe® Acrobat® Reader®
- Icons on the desktop

To access the TOSHIBA Zooming Utility:

1. Click **Start**, **All Programs**, **TOSHIBA**, **Utilities**, and then **Zooming Utility**.

   The TOSHIBA Zooming Utility Properties screen appears.



(Sample Image) TOSHIBA Zooming Utility Properties screen

2. Select the desired option(s).
3. Click **OK**.

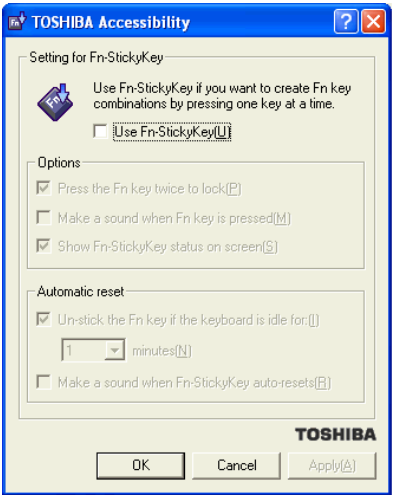
The zoom in and zoom out hot keys will now work with the applications you selected.

To zoom in, hold down the Fn key and press 2; to zoom out, hold down the Fn key and press 1.

For more information about how to use the TOSHIBA Zooming Utility, right-click the icon in the Taskbar and then click **Help**.

TOSHIBA Accessibility

The TOSHIBA Accessibility utility allows you to use the Fn key to create a hot key combination with one of the function keys without pressing the two keys simultaneously as is usually required. Using Accessibility lets you make the Fn key a *sticky key*, meaning you can press it once, release it, and then press a function key to activate the hot key function.


TOSHIBA Accessibility
Setting for Fn-StickyKey
Use Fn-StickyKey if you want to create Fn key combinations by pressing one key at a time.
Use Fn-StickyKey(U)
Options
Press the Fn key twice to lock(P)
Make a sound when Fn key is pressed(M)
Show Fn-StickyKey status on screen(S)
Automatic reset
Un-stick the Fn key if the keyboard is idle for:(I)
1
minutes(N)
Make a sound when Fn-StickyKey auto-resets(R)
TOSHIBA
OK
Cancel
Apply(A)

(Sample Image) TOSHIBA Accessibility window

To use TOSHIBA Accessibility:

1. Click **Start**, **All Programs**, **TOSHIBA, Utilities**, and then **Accessibility**.

   The TOSHIBA Accessibility window appears.

2. Check the **Use Fn-StickyKey** box.
3. Put a check mark next to the desired option.
4. Click **OK**.

Chapter 6

If Something Goes Wrong

Some problems you may encounter when using your computer are relatively easy to identify and solve. Others may require help from your network administrator or the manufacturer of the software program.

This chapter aims to help you solve many problems by yourself. It covers the problems you are most likely to encounter.

If all else fails, contact Toshiba. You will find information on Toshiba's support services at the end of this chapter.

Problems that are easy to fix

Your program stops responding.

If you are working with a program that suddenly freezes all operations, chances are the program has stopped responding. You can exit the failed program without shutting down the operating system or closing other programs.

To close a program that has stopped responding:

1. Press Ctrl, Alt, and Del simultaneously (once).

   The Windows® Task Manager window appears.

2. Click the **Applications** tab.

   If a program has stopped responding, the words "not responding" appear beside its name in the list.

3 Select the program you want to close, then click **End Task**.

Closing the failed program should allow you to continue working. If it does not, continue with the next step.

4 Close the remaining programs one by one by selecting the program name, then **End Task**.

To power off your computer, do one of the following:

If you are not connected to a domain server:

1 Click **Start**, **Turn off computer**.

The Turn off computer window appears.

2 Click **Turn Off**.

The computer turns off.

If you are connected to a domain server:

1 Click **Start**, **Turn Off**.

The Turn off computer window appears.

2 Select **Turn Off** from the drop-down list.

3 Click **OK**.

The computer shuts down completely.

Your program performs an illegal operation.

If you receive the message, "Your program has performed an illegal operation," close the window and continue working. If it happens again, record the details of the message and consult the software manufacturer.

To record the details:

1 Click the **Details** button and select the text the operating system displays.

The Details button displays information that the software manufacturer needs to help you solve your problem.

2 Press Ctrl + C to copy the text to the clipboard.

3 Open Notepad (click **Start**, **All Programs**, **Accessories** and then click **Notepad**).

4 Press Ctrl + V to paste the details into Notepad.

5 Add a paragraph break and type some notes describing what you were doing when you received the message and how the error can be reproduced.

6 Save the file and refer to it when you contact the software manufacturer.

Problems when you turn on the computer

These problems may occur when you turn on the power.

The computer will not start.

Make sure you attached the AC adaptor and power cord/cable properly or installed a charged battery.

Press and hold the power button for at least 10 seconds.

If you are using the AC adaptor, check that the wall outlet is working by plugging in another device, such as a lamp.

Verify that the computer is on by looking at the ON/OFF indicator. If the indicator is glowing, the computer is on.

If you are using an AC adaptor, verify that the computer is receiving power from the external power source by looking at the AC power light. If the indicator is glowing, the computer is connected to a live external power source.

The computer starts but when you press a key nothing happens.

Verify that the active program accepts text input. Try clicking your mouse on an area where you can type text and try typing again.

Your computer may be in Standby mode and have a software or resource conflict. When this happens turning the power on returns you to the problem instead of restarting the system. To clear the condition, press Ctrl, Alt, and Del simultaneously.

Clearing the condition may get the computer running, but it will not solve a resource conflict. Read the documentation that came with the conflicting device and "Resolving a hardware conflict" on page 135.

The computer is not accessing the internal storage drive or the optional external diskette drive.

Your computer normally loads the operating system from the internal storage drive. If you have an internal storage drive problem, you will not be able to start the computer. Insert a system diskette into the optional external diskette drive and press F12 when the machine starts and use the arrow keys to select the boot-up device.

The computer displays the WARNING RESUME FAILURE message.

The computer was placed in Standby mode and the battery has discharged. Data stored in the computer's memory has been lost. Data stored in the computer's internal storage drive may not be affected.

Always save your data even when you are using Standby. If your battery fully discharges, information that has not been saved will be lost. Your computer can be configured to warn you when the battery is running low see "What to do when the main battery runs low" on page 90.

If you are running on battery power, it is recommended that you do not leave the computer in Standby mode for long periods of time.

To charge the battery, leave the computer plugged into a live wall outlet for several hours. For more information see "Charging batteries" on page 86.

The computer displays the Non-System disk or disk error message.

Make sure there is no diskette in the optional external diskette drive. If there is a diskette in the drive, remove it and press any key to continue. If pressing any key does not work, press Ctrl, Alt, and Del to restart the computer. For more information see "The computer is not accessing the internal storage drive or the optional external diskette drive." on page 131.

The AC power light is blinking.

If the AC power light is blinking, try the following steps:

1. Cut off power to the computer by disconnecting the AC adaptor and removing the battery. The error condition will be interrupted, and the AC power light will stop flashing.
2. Put the battery back into the computer. Do not connect the AC adaptor. Try turning the computer on again.

   If the computer starts normally, the AC adaptor may be defective and will need to be replaced (see the Toshiba Web site at accessories.toshiba.com).

   If the AC power light starts flashing, remove the battery, and continue with the steps below.
3. Connect the AC adaptor to the computer. Leave the battery out of the computer. Try turning the computer on again.

   If the computer starts normally, the battery may need charging, may be depleted, or may be defective. Turn the computer on, insert the battery, and then leave the computer running for several hours, which will deliver a slow, steady "trickle-charge" to the battery. Once the battery has been trickle-charged, it may begin working correctly again.

If the trickle-charging does not prove effective, visit the Toshiba Web site at pcsupport.toshiba.com and see the Support Bulletin **Step-Charging the computer's battery** (click the **Ask Iris®** link and search for the support bulletin by name).

4 Connect the AC adaptor to a different power outlet, preferably in a different room. If the computer starts normally, there may be a problem with the AC outlet itself, or the voltage level available from it.

5 Verify that the AC adaptor is the correct unit for your computer model. The computer may not be able to start from an AC adaptor that is rated for less current (amperage) than the computer requires, even if the rated voltage is correct, and the plug fits correctly in the DC-IN socket. The labels on the bottom of the computer and the AC adaptor show the specifications for voltage ("V") and current ("A") for each device. The voltage level must match exactly. The amperage rating of the AC adaptor must be equal to or greater than that required by the computer.

The Windows® operating system is not working

Once you are familiar with the desktop and used to the way the operating system responds to your work routine, you can easily detect if the operating system is not working correctly. For example:

- The operating system fails to start after the Starting Windows XP message appears.
- The operating system takes a long time to start.
- The operating system responds differently from the normal routine.
- The screen does not look right.

Unless a hardware device has failed, problems usually occur when you change the system in some way such as installing a new program or adding a device.

If you experience any of these problems, use the options in the Startup menu to fix the problem.

Using Startup options to fix problems

If the operating system fails to start properly, you may have to change your system's configuration or verify the startup procedure to fix the problem. To do this, use the options in the Startup menu.

To open the Startup menu:

1. Restart your computer.
2. Press F8 when your computer starts and before Windows® starts loading.

   The Windows® Advanced Options menu displays these options:

   - Safe Mode
   - Safe Mode (with Networking)
   - Safe Mode (with Command Prompt)
   - Enable Boot Logging
   - Enable VGA Mode
   - Last known good configuration (your most recent settings that worked)
   - Directory Services Restore Mode (Windows® domain controllers only)
   - Debugging Mode
   - Start Windows® normally
   - Reboot
   - Return to OS Choices (menu)

See your Windows® documentation for further explanation.

NOTE If your computer is connected to a network, the Startup menu may display different versions of Safe mode.

Internet problems

My Internet connection is very slow.

Many factors contribute to the speed with which you can surf the Internet. They include: modem speed, telephone line conditions, time of day (when everyone else is surfing, your access can be slow) and popularity of the sites you are trying to access. If accessing a particular site is very slow, try later.

My browser cannot find the URL address I typed in.

Make sure you separated the domain names of the address with the forward slash (/). Check the spelling of each name and the syntax of the address carefully. A single incorrect letter or missed character will make it impossible for your browser to locate the site.

My browser cannot find a site I bookmarked.

The World Wide Web is constantly changing. A site you bookmarked yesterday may not be available today or its server may be down for temporary repair. Try again later.

The Windows® operating system can help you

If the operating system has started properly but you still have a problem using your computer, the online Help can assist you in troubleshooting the problem.

To access the Windows® operating system Help and Support:

1. Click **Start**, then click **Help and Support**.

   The Help and Support window appears.

2. Then do one or both of the following:

   - In the search field, type in the topic for which you need help and follow the on-screen instructions.
   - Click a problem you would like help with from the listings and follow the on-screen instructions.

You can connect to Support Online by clicking **Support** from the menu or by going to pcsupport.toshiba.com.

Resolving a hardware conflict

If you receive an error message telling you there is a device driver conflict or a general hardware problem, try using Windows® Help and Support to troubleshoot the problem first.

For help on hardware conflicts:

1. Click **Start**, then click **Help and Support**.
2. Click the **Hardware** link in the window's left pane.

   A list of category links appear.

3. Click the **Fixing a hardware problem** link.
4. Choose from specific topics and follow the steps.

If there is still a problem, the operating system should display a message that explains what the conflict is.

A plan of action

The smooth operation of the system depends on the interaction of all devices, programs, and features. If the system or one of its attached devices is not working, resolving the problem can be time-consuming and frustrating.

The recommended procedure for getting multiple devices to work together is to add and set up one device at a time. After you add each device, test it to make sure it and all previously connected devices work.

The device most recently connected to the system is the one most likely to be causing a hardware conflict.

Resolving hardware conflicts on your own

Computer components need resources to accomplish a task. A device, such as a disk drive, needs a channel to the computer's Central Processing Unit (CPU). It also needs a direct channel to the computer's memory to store information as it works. These channels of communication are commonly referred to as system resources.

Interrupt Request Channel

The channel to the CPU is called an Interrupt Request (IRQ) because it interrupts what the processor is doing and requests some of the processor's time. If two or more devices use the same IRQ, the processor does not know which device is asking for attention. This causes a hardware conflict.

Direct Memory Access

The data required by a device is stored in a specific place or address in memory called the Direct Memory Access (DMA). The DMA provides a dedicated channel for adapter cards to bypass the microprocessor and access memory directly. If two or more devices use the same DMA, the data required by one device overwrites the data required by the other, causing a hardware conflict.

Plug and Play

With Plug and Play and the operating system, avoiding hardware conflicts is easy. Plug and Play is a computer standard that helps the system BIOS (basic input/output system) and the operating system to automatically assign system resources to Plug and Play-compliant devices. In theory, if every device connected to the computer is Plug and Play-compliant, no two devices will compete for the same system resources. Plug in the device and turn on your

computer. The operating system is automatically set up to accommodate the new device.

If you install an older (legacy) device that the operating system cannot recognize, the operating system may have difficulty assigning resources to it. As a result, a hardware conflict can occur.

Resolving conflicts

There are several things you can do to resolve hardware conflicts:

- Get the most recent drivers from the manufacturer.
- Disable the device.

  For an older device, remove it from the computer.
- Disable another system component and use its resources for the new device. See "Fixing a problem with Device Manager" on page 137.
- Reconfigure the device so that its requirements do not conflict. Refer to the device's documentation for instructions about changing settings on the device.

Fixing a problem with Device Manager

Device Manager provides a way to check and change the configuration of a device.

CAUTION Changing the default settings using Device Manager can cause other conflicts that make one or more devices unusable. Device Manager is a configuration tool for advanced users who understand configuration parameters and the ramifications of changing them.

Disabling a device

1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, then click **Performance and Maintenance**.
2. Click the **Administrative Tools** icon.
3. Double-click **Computer Management**, then click **Device Manager**.
4. Select the specific device from the device category. To expand a device category, double-click the category.
5. In the toolbar, look to the far right for an icon of a monitor with a strike mark through a circle on the front. This is the disable feature.

6 Click the icon.

You are given the option of disabling the device.

7 Click **Yes** to disable the device or **No** to cancel.

Checking device properties

Device Manager provides a way to view the properties of a device. Properties include the name of the manufacturer, the type of device, the drivers installed, and the system resources assigned to the device.

To check a device's properties:

1 Click **Start**, **Control Panel**, then click **Performance and Maintenance**.

2 Click the **Administrative Tools** icon.

3 Double-click **Computer Management**, then click **Device Manager**.

4 To view the device(s) installed, double-click the device type.

5 To view the properties, double-click the device.

The operating system displays the Device Properties dialog box, which provides an array of tabs. They may include:

- The **General** tab, which provides basic information about the device.
- The **Resource** tab, which lists resources assigned to the monitor, optional external optical drive, and other power-using functions. This tab does not appear if the device is not using resources.
- The **Driver** tab, which displays the drivers being used by the device.

The tabs that appear in the dialog box vary from one device to another. A Troubleshooting button is also present.

6 Click **Troubleshoot...**

A Help and Support window for that device appears.

For more information about Device Manager, refer to Windows® online Help.

Memory problems

Incorrectly connected or faulty memory modules may cause errors that seem to be device-related. It is worthwhile checking for these first:

1. Click **Start**, **Turn off computer**.
2. Click **Turn Off**.

   The operating system shuts down and turns off the computer automatically.
3. Remove the memory module, following the instructions in "Removing a memory module" on page 45.
4. Reinstall the memory module, following the instructions in "Installing a memory module" on page 40, and making sure the module is seated properly.
5. Check for the error again.
6. If the error recurs, remove the memory module entirely and check for the error again.

   If removing the memory module eliminates the error, the memory module may be faulty. If the error recurs without the memory module installed, the error is not caused by the memory module.

Power and the batteries

Your computer receives its power through the AC adaptor and power cord/cable or from the system batteries (battery, optional high-capacity battery, and real-time clock (RTC) battery). Power problems are interrelated. For example, a faulty AC adaptor or power cord/cable will neither power the computer nor recharge the batteries.

Here are some typical problems and how to solve them:

The AC power light does not come on when you plug in the AC adaptor and power cord/cable.

Make sure the AC adaptor and power cord/cable are firmly plugged into both the wall outlet and the computer.

If the AC power light still does not come on, check that the wall outlet is working properly by plugging in a lamp or other appliance.

The AC adaptor and power cord/cable work correctly, but the battery will not charge.

The battery does not charge while the computer is consuming full power. Try turning off the computer.

The battery may not be inserted correctly in the computer. Turn off the computer, remove the battery, clean the contacts with a soft dry cloth (if necessary) and replace the battery. See "Removing the battery from the computer" on page 94.

The battery may be too hot or too cold to charge properly. If you think this is the probable cause, let the battery reach room temperature and try again.

If the battery has completely discharged, it will not begin charging immediately. Leave the AC adaptor and power cord/cable connected, wait 20 minutes and see if the battery is charging.

If the battery light is glowing after 20 minutes, let the computer continue charging the battery for at least another 20 minutes before you turn on the computer.

If the battery light does not glow after 20 minutes, the battery may have reached the end of its useful life. Try replacing it.

The battery appears not to power the computer for as long as it usually does.

If you frequently repeat shallow charge and discharge, the battery meter may become inaccurate. Let the battery discharge completely, then try charging it again.

Check the power options using the Power Management utility. Have you added a device, such as a memory module, that takes its power from the battery? Is your software using the internal storage drive more? Is the display power set to turn off automatically? Was the battery fully charged to begin with? All these conditions affect how long the charge lasts.

After a period of time, the battery will lose its ability to perform at maximum capacity and will need to be replaced. This is normal for all batteries. To purchase a new battery pack, see your accessories information that shipped with your computer, or visit the Toshiba Web site at accessories.toshiba.com. Refer to this site often to stay current on the most recent software and hardware options for your computer, and for other product information.

For more information on maintaining battery power, see "Charging batteries" on page 86.

Keyboard problems

If, when you type, strange things happen or nothing happens, the problem may be related to the keyboard itself.

The keyboard produces unexpected characters.

A keypad overlay may be on. If the numlock light or cursor control mode light is on, press Fn + F10 to turn off the cursor control mode light, or Fn + F11 to turn off the numlock light.

If the problem occurs when both the keypad overlays are off, make sure the software you are using is not remapping the keyboard. Refer to the software documentation and check that the program does not assign different meanings to any of the keys.

You have connected an external keyboard and the operating system displays one or more keyboard error messages.

The keyboard you connected may be defective or incompatible with the computer. Try using a different make of keyboard.

Nothing happens when you press the keys on the external keyboard.

You may have plugged the external keyboard in while the computer was turned on. Using the computer's TouchPad, click **Start**, then **Turn off computer**, and then **Restart the Computer**. The computer will restart and recognize the device.

Display problems

Here are some typical display problems and their solutions:

The screen is blank.

Display Auto Off may have gone into effect. Press any key to activate the screen.

You may have activated the instant password feature by pressing Fn and F1 simultaneously. If you have registered a password, press any key, type the password and press Enter. If no password is registered, press any key. The screen reactivates and allows you to continue using your computer.

If you are using the built-in screen, make sure the display priority is not set for an external monitor. To do this, press Fn and F5 simultaneously (once). If this does not correct the problem, press Fn and F5 simultaneously again to return the display priority to its previous setting.

HINT: Holding the Fn key and pressing the F5 key several times will advance you through the display options.

If you are using an external monitor:

- Check that the monitor is turned on.
- Check that the monitor's power cord/cable is firmly plugged into a working power outlet.
- Check that the cable connecting the external monitor to the computer is firmly attached.
- Try adjusting the contrast and brightness controls on the external monitor.
- Press Fn and F5 simultaneously to make sure the display priority is not set for the built-in screen.

The screen does not look right.

You can change the display settings by clicking a blank area of the desktop with the secondary control button, then clicking Properties. This opens the Display Properties dialog box. The Appearance tab of this dialog box allows you to choose the colors for the screen. The Settings tab allows you to choose the screen resolution.

NOTE To improve screen resolution and increase/decrease screen size, press Fn+2 to zoom in and Fn+1 to zoom out.

The built-in screen flickers.

Some flickering is a normal result of the way the screen produces colors. To reduce the amount of flickering, try using fewer colors.

To change the number of colors displayed:

1. Right-click in a blank area of the Windows® desktop.
2. Click **Properties**, and then the **Settings** tab.
3. Change the Colors option and click **OK**.

For more information see Windows® Help.

A message displays saying that there is a problem with your display settings and that the adapter type is incorrect or the current settings do not work with your hardware.

Reduce the size of the color palette to one that is supported by the computer's internal display.

To change the display properties:

1. Right-click in a blank area of the Windows® desktop.

   The Display Properties window appears.

2. Click **Properties**, then click the **Settings** tab.
3. Adjust the screen resolution and/or color quality.
4. Click **OK**.

The display mode is set to Simultaneous and the external display device does not work.

Make sure the external monitor is capable of displaying at resolutions of 800 x 600 or higher. Devices that do not support this resolution will only work in Internal/External mode, and not simultaneous mode.

Small bright dots appear on your TFT display when you turn on your computer.

Small bright dots may appear on your screen display when you turn on your computer. Your display contains an extremely large number of thin-film transistors (TFT) and is manufactured using high-precision technology. Any small bright dots that may appear on your display are an intrinsic characteristic of the TFT manufacturing technology. Over a period of time, and depending on the usage of the computer, the brightness of the screen will deteriorate. This is also an intrinsic characteristic of the screen technology. When the computer is operated on battery power, the screen will dim and you may not be able to increase the brightness of the screen while on battery power.

Disk, diskette, or storage drive problems

Problems with the internal storage drive or with an optional external diskette drive usually show up as an inability to access the drive or as sector errors. Sometimes a drive problem may cause one or more files to appear to have garbage in them. Typical problems are:

You are having trouble accessing a drive, or one or more files appear to be missing.

Make sure you are identifying the drive by its correct name (A: or C:).

Error-checking

Run Error-checking, which analyzes the directories, files and File Allocation Table (FAT) on the disk and repairs any damage it finds.

To run Error-checking:

1. Click **Start**, then click **My Computer**.
2. Right-click the drive you want to check.
3. On the pop-up menu, click **Properties**.

   The drive's Properties box appears.
4. Click the **Tools** tab.
5. Click the **Check now** button.

   The Check Disk All Apps box appears.
6. You can choose one or both options:
   - ❖ Automatically fix file system errors
   - ❖ Scan for and attempt recovery of bad sectors
7. Click **Start**.

   Error-checking tests and repairs the disk.

Your hard disk seems very slow.

If you have been using your computer for a long time, your files may have become fragmented. Run Disk Defragmenter. To do this, click **Start**, **All Programs**, **Accessories**, **System Tools**, and then **Disk Defragmenter**.

Your data files are damaged or corrupted.

Refer to your software documentation for file recovery procedures. Many software packages automatically create backup files.

You may also be able to recover lost data using utility software. Consult your network administrator.

Some programs run correctly but others do not.

This is probably a configuration problem. If a program does not run properly, refer to its documentation and check that the hardware configuration meets its needs.

A diskette will not go into the optional external diskette drive.

You may already have a diskette in the drive. Make sure the drive is empty.

You may be inserting the diskette incorrectly. Hold the diskette with the hub side facing down, and insert it so that the metal head window cover goes into the drive first.

The metal cover or a loose label may be obstructing the path into the drive. Carefully inspect the diskette. If the metal cover is loose, replace the diskette. If the label is loose, replace the label and try inserting the diskette again.

The computer displays the Non-system disk or disk error **message.**

If you are starting the computer from a diskette in an optional external diskette drive, the diskette in the drive does not have the files necessary to start the computer. Replace it with a bootable diskette.

The optional external diskette drive cannot read a diskette.

Try another diskette. If you can access the second diskette, the first diskette (not the drive) is probably causing the problem. Run Error-checking on the faulty diskette (for instructions see "Disk, diskette, or storage drive problems" on page 143).

Sound system problems

No sound is coming from the computer's speaker.

Adjust the volume control.

Try pressing Fn + Esc to see if volume mute is disabled.

Check to see if the volume control on the computer is turned up.

If you are using external headphones or speakers, check that they are securely connected to your computer.

The computer emits a loud, high-pitched noise.

This is feedback between the microphone and the speaker. It occurs in any sound system when input from a microphone is fed to the speaker and the speaker volume is too loud. Adjust the volume control.

Printer problems

This section lists some of the most common printer problems.

The printer will not print.

Check that the printer is connected to a working power outlet, turned on and ready (on line).

Check that the printer has plenty of paper. Some printers will not start printing when there are just two or three sheets of paper left in the tray.

Make sure the printer cable is firmly attached to the computer and the printer.

Run the printer's self-test to check for any problem with the printer itself.

Make sure you installed the proper printer drivers as shown in "Setting up a printer" on page 61 or in the instructions that came with the printer.

You may have connected the printer while the computer is on. Disable Standby mode, turn off the computer, and turn off the printer. Turn the printer back on, make sure it is online, and then turn the computer back on.

Try printing another file. For example, you could create and attempt to print a short test file using Notepad. If a Notepad file prints correctly, the problem may be in your original file.

If you cannot resolve the problem, contact the printer's manufacturer.

The printer will not print what you see on the screen.

Many programs display information on the screen differently from the way they print it. See if your program has a print preview mode. This mode lets you see your work exactly as it will print. Contact the software manufacturer for more information.

Wireless networking problems

NOTE This section provides general troubleshooting tips for networking problems, specifically wireless (Wi-Fi®) networking.

The terms and concepts used assume a basic understanding of networks, and may be for more advanced users. If you need assistance or if you are not familiar with the terminology, please see Windows® Help and Support or contact your computer technician.

- Verify that your computer can detect access points or routers. If it can detect a Wi-Fi® access point or router then it may be a configuration issue.
- Verify that signal strength is good using the utility provided with the Wi-Fi® adapter.
- If another computer is on the same network, verify that it has network access, and can connect to the Internet. If, for example, the other computer cannot browse to a public Web site, the ISP's (Internet Service Provider) service may be disrupted.
- Verify that the Service Set Identifier (SSID), or network name, is correct—i.e., that it matches the SSID assigned to the access point you are attempting to connect through. SSIDs are case-sensitive. Toshiba provides a Client Manager utility for setting and managing SSIDs.
- Check the Control Panel's Device Manager to verify that the Wi-Fi® adapter is recognized by the Windows® operating system, and that the driver is loaded. Carefully note any error messages—these will be very helpful if you should confer with a support technician at a later time.

NOTE

- To enable or disable wireless communication, use the Hot Key Fn+F8. For more information see "Hot Keys" on page 160.
- Each time you restart or reboot your computer, wireless communication is reset to enabled (ON) by default.

- Verify that the network connection is configured to obtain its Internet Protocol (IP) address dynamically:

  1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**.
  2. Double-click **Network and Internet Connections**.
  3. Right-click the name of your wireless network connection, then click **Properties**.

4. Select **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)**, then click **Properties**.
5. Select **Obtain an IP address automatically**.
6. Click **OK**, then click **Close**.

- Use IPCONFIG to verify that the computer has a useful IP address—one other than the private address of 169.254.xxx.xxx assigned by Windows®.

  1. Click **Start**, then click **Run...**
  2. Enter Cmd and press Enter.
  3. Enter IPCONFIG /ALL and press Enter.

  The IP address for each active network adapter will be displayed.

- Connect your computer directly to your router or broadband modem, by plugging a standard CAT5 Ethernet patch cable (sold separately) into your computer's RJ45 Ethernet port. If your connection problem disappears, the problem lies in the Wi-Fi® part of your network.

- Use the PING command to verify a connection to the gateway at 192.168.1.1 (a default gateway for most wireless routers).

  1. Click **Start**, then click **Run...**
  2. Enter Cmd and press Enter.
  3. Enter PING 192.168.1.1 at the command prompt, and press Enter.

  If "Request Timed Out" or another error message appears in response, then the problem is probably Wi-Fi®-related.

- If you have enabled any security provisions (closed system, MAC address filtering, Wired Equivalent Privacy [WEP], etc.), check the access point vendor's Web site for recent firmware upgrades. Problems with WEP keys, in particular, are frequently addressed in new firmware releases.

The Windows® operating system wireless management facility does not work.

If you are using an external Wi-Fi® adapter (a USB adapter, or other variety), check if the adapter comes with its own management utility. If it does, the utility may be disabling the Windows® operating system wireless management facility, in which case you must use the adapter's management utility. If the documentation that accompanies the adapter does not provide enough information to determine if this is the case, contact that vendor's support group for further advice.

A blank screen appears while watching a video or movie.

Disable the Shut off Monitor feature in the Display Properties using the following steps:

1. Right-click in a blank area of the Windows® desktop.
2. Click **Properties**.
3. Click the **Screen Saver** tab.
4. Deselect **Shut off Monitor**.

Jumping video lines appear around the video window.

To change the screen's display resolution:

1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**.

   The Control Panel window appears.
2. Click **Appearance and Themes**, and double-click the **Display** icon.

   The Display Properties dialog box appears.
3. Click the **Settings** tab.
4. Next to the words **Desktop Area**, move the slider to a lower setting, such as 800 x 600 or 640 x 480.
5. Click **OK**.

Video titles, games, or applications appear distorted.

Having Stretch enabled when your video resolution is set to 640 x 480 or 800 x 600 can cause distortion. To disable Stretch, follow the instructions below:

1. Right-click the **Desktop**, select **Properties**.
2. Select the **Settings** tab.
3. Select the **Advanced Flat Panel** tab.
4. Click **Disable Display Stretch Feature**.
5. Click **OK**.

The screen saver runs while you are watching a movie or title.

If the screen saver is enabled, it runs on top of any movie or title you are watching. To disable the screen saver:

1. Click **Start**, **Control Panel**.

   The Control Panel window appears.

2. Click **Appearance and Themes**, and double-click the **Display** icon.

   The Display Properties dialog box appears.

3. Click the **Screen Saver** tab.

   In the Screen Saver list, the current screen saver is highlighted.

4. Click the down arrow at the right of the current screen saver name.

   A list of screen savers displays.

5. Click and hold the up arrow by the list or move the slide to the top.

6. Click **None**.

7. Click **OK**.

Develop good computing habits

Save your work frequently.

You can never predict when your computer will lock, forcing you to close a program and lose unsaved changes. Many software programs build in an automatic backup, but you should not rely solely on this feature. Save your work! See "Computing tips" on page 72 for instructions.

On a regular basis, back up the information stored on your internal storage drive.

Here are some ways you can do this:

- Copy files to an external storage device.
- Connect an optional external optical drive to the system and use specialized software to copy everything on the internal storage drive to an optical disc.
- Connect your computer to the office network and copy files to your network partition.

Some people use a combination of these methods, backing up all files to tape weekly and copying critical files to diskette on a daily basis.

If you have installed your own programs, you should back up these programs as well as your data files. If something goes wrong that requires you to reformat your internal storage drive and start again, reloading all your programs and data files from a backup source will save time.

Read the user's guides.

It is very difficult to provide a fail-safe set of steps you can follow every time you experience a problem with the computer. Your ability to solve problems will improve as you learn about how the computer and its software work together.

Get familiar with all the user's guides provided with your computer, as well as the manuals that come with the programs and devices you purchase.

Your local computer store or book store sells a variety of self-help books you can use to supplement the information in the manuals.

Data and system configuration backup in the Windows® operating system

The Windows® operating system offers some easy-to-use features for backing up your Windows® settings and your data—documents and other important files. Take advantage of these features to protect yourself from much more difficult and time-consuming restoration procedures, and to safeguard your valuable data from loss.

Saving system configuration with Restore Points

The System Restore feature of the Windows® operating system quickly creates Restore Points—'snapshots' of your Windows® operating system configuration—and saves them for later recall. If you experience problems after installing some new hardware or software, you can easily select a previously established Control Point to 'turn back the clock,' restoring the Windows® operating system to the state it was in just prior to the installation. This is much easier and more effective than uninstalling the hardware or software, which often leaves behind unwanted files and settings. It is also easy to undo a Restore Point selection, if you change your mind.

Follow these steps to create a Restore Point using the System Restore utility:

1. Click **Start**, and then **Help and Support**.
2. Under **Pick a Task**, click **Undo changes to your computer with System Restore**.
3. Click **Create a restore point**, and then click **Next**.
4. In the **Restore point description** field, enter a name that is descriptive enough to be easily understood in the future, such as "Before installing Brand X Accounting app." Then click **Create**.

5 The Windows® operating system creates the Restore Point and automatically stamps it with the current date and time.

Then, at a later time, you can re-establish your Windows® configuration using the saved Restore Point. To do this:

1 Click **Start**, and then **Help and Support**.

2 Under **Pick a Task**, click **Undo changes to your computer with System Restore**.

3 Click **Restore my computer to an earlier time**, then click **Next**.

4 A calendar will be presented, showing a month at a time. Each date for which a Restore Point has been set will be marked as bold. When a boldfaced date is clicked, a description of the Restore Point will appear in a list to the right.

NOTE This list may contain Restore Points that you did not create. Restore Points labeled System Checkpoint were automatically created by the Windows® operating system. Other Restore Points may have been created automatically by applications when they were installed.

5 Select the desired Restore Point from the list, and then click **Next**.

6 Your Windows® operating system configuration will now be restored to the state it was in when the chosen Restore Point was created.

Backing up your data to CDs with the Windows® operating system

The most valuable component of your computer system is the data that you create and store on an internal storage drive. Since problems with either hardware or software can make the data inaccessible or even destroy it, the next most valuable component of your computer system may be a recent backup of your data.

Fortunately, the Windows® operating system offers a convenient way to back up your computer or just your important files to optical discs or hard drives. An external hard drive is recommended in case your internal storage drive fails. No additional software is required. Most of the external optical drives that are now widely available can write to (or 'burn') as well as read from optical discs.

Follow these steps to back up files in the **My Documents** folder to one or more optical discs:

NOTE You cannot back up the computer while running on battery power. Connect the AC adaptor before continuing.

1. Put a blank CD-R (CD-recordable) disc into the optional external optical drive.
2. A menu of options will appear. Select **Open writable CD folder using Windows Explorer**, and click **OK**.
3. A Windows® Explorer window will open for the blank CD. This window will be referred to as "the CD window."
4. Open a second Windows® Explorer window by clicking **Start**, then **My Computer**.
5. In this second window, browse to the files you wish to back up. Click the down-pointing arrow at the upper-right of the window (to the left of the **Go** button) to see a list of locations that includes **My Documents**—a likely location of your data.
6. Drag and drop folders or individual files from this window into the CD window. If the files do not immediately appear in the CD window, press F5 (or click **View**, **Refresh**) to prompt the Windows® operating system to display them.

NOTE Documents and other data files that you create as you work are typically stored in the My Documents folder. You may also wish to back up other important data files stored elsewhere on your internal storage drive, for example:

- E-mail files and settings—for Outlook®, Outlook® Express, or other e-mail applications. Visit the vendors' Web sites (www.microsoft.com, for example) for detailed instructions.
- Newsgroup files and settings—for Outlook® Express or other newsgroup readers. Visit the vendors' Web sites for detailed instructions.
- Other data files. If you do not find an application's data files in any of the folders within the My Documents folder, check the application's options or preferences settings to discover the locations of the files.

7. When you have finished copying files to the CD window, click **File**, **Write these files to CD**.

8 A CD Writing Wizard will appear, prompting for a name for the CD. You may accept the default name, or enter a new (more descriptive) name. Click **Next** to continue.

9 The CD Writing Wizard will now write the selected files to the CD. It is best not to use the computer for any other tasks during this operation, to avoid interrupting the process.

10 Finally, click **Finish**.

The CD will be ejected. It should contain all of the files you have selected, but you may easily verify this by placing the CD back into the drive, and viewing the list of files.

Favorites (bookmarks) for Internet Explorer®

Follow these steps to back up your Favorites for Internet Explorer® (ver 5.0 or newer):

1 In Internet Explorer®, click **File**, **Import and Export**.

2 The Import/Export Wizard will appear. Click **Next**.

3 Click **Export Favorites**, **Next**. (To restore the Favorites to the internal storage drive later, select **Import Favorites** from this list.)

4 A list of your Favorites folders will appear, with the top-level Favorites folder selected (highlighted). Click **Next** to back up all of your Favorites, or select a particular Favorites folder to back up, then click **Next**.

5 In the Export Favorites Destination window, use the Browse button to browse to the **My Documents** folder. Click **Save** in the Select Bookmark file window, and then click **Next**.

6 Click **Finish**. The message "**Successfully exported favorites**" should appear.

7 Follow the steps above for backing up files from the **My Documents** folder to a CD.

Each CD has room for 650-700 megabytes of data. Follow this same set of steps any number of times to back up any number of files to as many CDs as is required to hold them.

The Windows® operating system also includes a Backup utility, though it does not directly support writing to CDs. For more information, click **Start**, **Help and Support**, or start the Backup utility by clicking **Start**, **All Programs**, **Accessories**, **System Tools**, **Backup**.

General tips for installing hardware and software

Here are a few tips to help ensure safe and easy installation of new hardware (printers, pointing devices, external hard drives, DVD writers, scanners, etc.) and software (applications like Microsoft® Office and Adobe® Photoshop®, or utility software such as special toolbars for your web browser).

- Create a Restore Point (refer to "Saving system configuration with Restore Points" on page 151). Before installing anything, use the System Restore utility to set a Restore Point (see the section titled Restore Points). If anything goes wrong, you will then be able to easily restore the Windows® operating system to the state it was in prior to the installation, undoing any changes that the installation process introduced.
- Back up your critical data (see "Backing up your data to CDs with the Windows® operating system" on page 152).
- Have your factory Restore/Reconfiguration CD(s) on hand in case you need any files from them.
- Do not guess—follow directions carefully! It is often necessary to run an installation utility first—before connecting a new hardware item to the computer. If the device is connected first, it may be very difficult to complete the installation successfully. Always carefully follow the installation instructions that accompany the hardware or software.
- Restart the Windows® operating system. Always restart Windows® after each installation, even if the installation utility does not prompt you to do so. This will ensure that the installation is completed, and will clean up anything that the installation utility left behind.
- Do one installation at a time. If you have several new items to add to your computer system, install just one at a time, creating Restore Points immediately before each successive installation. This will make it much easier to determine the origin of any new problems. For best results, follow this sequence:

  1. Back up critical data.
  2. Create a Restore Point.
  3. Install one item of hardware or software.
  4. Restart the Windows® operating system.
  5. Use the new hardware or software for a while, noting any new problems. Make sure that your critical applications (email, business applications, etc.) are working correctly, and verify that important devices are still functioning.

6 For each additional hardware or software item, repeat these steps, starting at step 1 if any of your critical data has changed, or starting at step 2 if no critical data has changed.

Cannot use the "USB Sleep and Charge function."

- The setting of "USB Sleep and Charge function" may be Disabled. Change the setting to Enabled.
- Some external devices may not be able to use the "USB Sleep and Charge function". In this case, please try one or more of the following methods.
  - Change the Enabled mode setting.
  - Turn off the computer while external devices are connected.
  - Connect external devices after turning OFF the computer.

  If this function cannot be used, change the setting to Disabled.
- Make sure that you are connected to a compatible port.

The "USB Wakeup function" does not work.

- When the "USB Sleep and Charge function" is set to Enabled the "USB Wakeup function" does not work for ports that support the "USB Sleep and Charge function." In that case, use a USB port that does not have the "USB Sleep and Charge function"-compatible icon ( ), if you have a non-Sleep and Charge USB port available or disable the "USB Sleep and Charge function". For more information, see "TOSHIBA Hardware Setup" on page 137.

If you need further assistance

If you have followed the recommendations in this chapter and are still having problems, you may need additional technical assistance. This section contains the steps to take to ask for help.

Before you contact Toshiba

Since some problems may be related to the operating system or the program you are using, it is important to investigate other sources of assistance first.

Try the following before you contact Toshiba:

- Review the troubleshooting information in your operating system documentation.

- If the problem occurs while you are running a program, consult the program's documentation for troubleshooting suggestions. Contact the software company's technical support group for their assistance.
- Consult the dealer from whom you purchased your computer and/or program. Your dealer is your best source for current information.

For the detailed specifications for your computer, visit pcsupport.toshiba.com. Go to the Tech Support Center, select your particular model from the list and go to the Detailed Specifications for that model.

For the number of a Toshiba dealer near you in the United States, call: (800) 457-7777.

Contacting Toshiba

If you still need help and suspect that the problem is hardware-related, Toshiba offers a variety of resources to help you.

Toshiba's Technical Support Web site

For technical support, or to stay current on the most recent software and hardware options for your computer, and for other product information, be sure to regularly check the Toshiba Web site at pcsupport.toshiba.com.

Toshiba voice contact

Before calling Toshiba, make sure you have:

- Your computer's serial number
- The computer and any optional devices related to the problem
- Backup copies of your Windows® operating system and all other preloaded software on your choice of media
- Name and version of the program involved in the problem along with its installation media
- Information about what you were doing when the problem occurred
- Exact error messages and when they occurred

For technical support, call the Toshiba Customer Support Center:

Within the United States at (800) 457-7777

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Appendix A

Hot Keys

Hot keys are keys that, when pressed in combination with the Fn key, turn system functions on and off. Hot keys have a legend on the key indicating the option or feature the key controls.

Fn +

This hot key enables/disables volume mute on your computer.

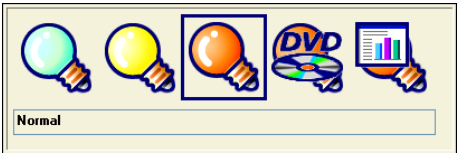
When volume mute is enabled, no sound will come from the speakers or headphones.

Fn +

This hot key blanks the display.

Fn +

This hot key displays the power profile pop-up window and cycles through the power profiles.



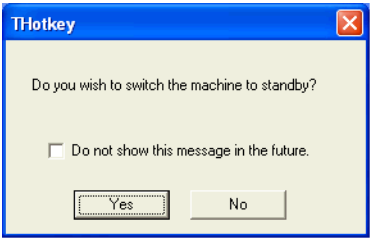
(Sample Image) Power profiles

The properties of each power profile are set in the TOSHIBA Power Saver utility. For more information, see "TOSHIBA Power Saver" on page 120.

Fn +

This hot key places the computer into Standby mode.

A message box displays by default to confirm that the computer is entering Standby mode. You can choose not to display this message box.



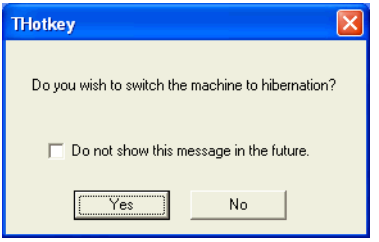
(Sample Image) Sample Standby confirmation box

For more information about Standby mode, please see "Using and configuring Standby mode" on page 68.

Fn +

This hot key places the computer into Hibernation mode.

If Hibernation mode is enabled (the default) a message box displays by default to confirm the computer is entering Hibernation mode. You can choose not to display this message box.



(Sample Image) Hibernation confirmation box

If Hibernation mode is disabled, this hot key will not respond. For more information on Hibernation mode, see "Using and configuring Hibernation mode" on page 66.

Fn +

This hot key cycles through the power-on display options.

The display modes are:

NOTE Some modes are only available with the appropriate device attached and turned on.

- LCD—Internal display only
- LCD + CRT—Internal display and external monitor simultaneously
- CRT—External monitor only

(Sample Image) Display options window

To use a simultaneous mode, you must set the resolution of the internal display panel to match the resolution of the external display device.

Not all functions are supported on all models.

Fn +

This hot key decreases the screen brightness.

Fn +

This hot key increases the screen brightness.

Fn +

This hot key enables/disables the optional wireless devices installed in your computer.

A window showing the optional wireless devices will display.

(Sample Image) Optional wireless devices window

Select ( ) to enable *Bluetooth*®*. The *Bluetooth*®* icon displays in the System tray. Double-click the ***Bluetooth***®* icon to activate the *Bluetooth*®* wizard.

(Sample Image) Bluetooth® icon in the System tray

Use the *Bluetooth*®* wizard to connect optional *Bluetooth*®* devices to your computer and to adjust the *Bluetooth*®* settings.

Select ( ) to enable Wi-Fi®/wireless communication.

Select ( ) to enable both *Bluetooth*®* and Wi-Fi®/wireless communication.

Select ( ) to disable both *Bluetooth*®* and Wi-Fi®/wireless communication.

NOTE

- To enable or disable wireless communication, use the Hot Key Fn+F8.
- Each time you restart or reboot your computer, wireless communication is reset to enabled (ON) by default.

***Available on certain models.**

Fn +	This hot key enables/disables the TouchPad™. For more information on using the TouchPad, see "Using the TouchPad™" on page 57.
Fn +	This hot key turns the cursor control overlay on and off.
Fn +	This hot key turns the numeric overlay on and off.
Fn +	This hot key turns the scroll lock feature on and off.
Fn +	This hot key allows you to zoom out.
Fn +	This hot key allows you to zoom in.
Fn +	This hot key decreases the speaker volume.
Fn +	This hot key increases the speaker volume.

Appendix B

Power Cord/Cable Connectors

Your computer ships with the correct power supply for the country of purchase. This appendix shows the shapes of the typical AC power cord/cable connectors for various parts of the world.

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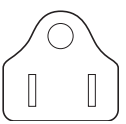
Canada



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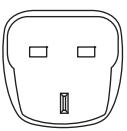
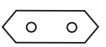
United Kingdom



BS approved

Europe



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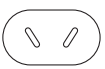
NEMKO approved

Australia



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Appendix C

Using ConfigFree® with your Toshiba Computer

NOTE All references to *Bluetooth*® in this appendix are applicable only if *Bluetooth*® is available on your system.

ConfigFree® is a set of utilities that makes it easy to control communication devices and network connections. ConfigFree also lets you identify communication problems and create profiles for easily switching between locations and communication networks.

NOTE For more information on using ConfigFree, see the ConfigFree online Help.

The ConfigFree utilities include the following:

- Connectivity Doctor—The Connectivity Doctor utility is used to analyze network connections and fix networking problems with your computer. For more information, see "Connectivity Doctor" on page 170.
- Search for Wireless Devices—The Search for Wireless Devices utility searches for wireless LAN and *Bluetooth*® devices used in the neighborhood, and displays information about them on a virtual map. For more information, see "Search for Wireless Devices" on page 172.

- Profile Settings—The Profiles utility lets you switch between network configurations. For more information, see "Profile Settings" on page 177.
- ConfigFree SUMMIT—The ConfigFree SUMMIT utility is used to connect with other ConfigFree users for file sharing. For more information, see "ConfigFree® SUMMIT" on page 180.

ConfigFree also includes a screen saver that you can customize by adding identifying text to devices. Click **Options** on the Connectivity Doctor screen to access the screen saver option.

Getting Started

This section contains information about the ConfigFree® main screen, and how to start and set up ConfigFree.

For more detailed information on setting up and using ConfigFree, see the Help file included in the application.

Starting ConfigFree®

To start ConfigFree®, be sure the computer has a wired or wireless connection. Then do one of the following:

- Click **Start**, **All Programs**, **TOSHIBA, Networking**, and then **ConfigFree**.
- Double-click the **ConfigFree** icon on the Taskbar.

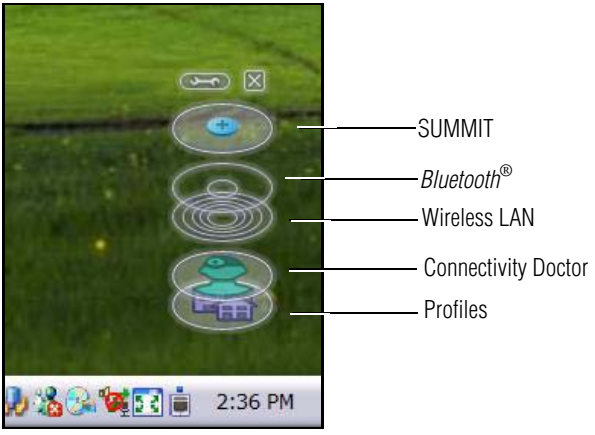
NOTE

- To enable or disable wireless communication, use the Hot Key Fn+F8. For more information see "Hot Keys" on page 160.
- Each time you restart or reboot your computer, wireless communication is reset to enabled (ON) by default.

NOTE

If your computer is not connected to a network, the ConfigFree icon on the Taskbar is displayed with an "X."

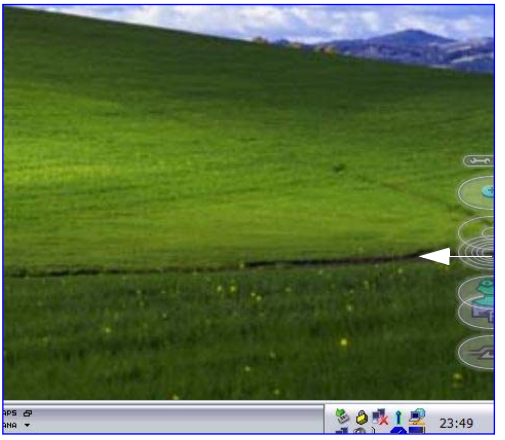
When you start a search for wireless devices, ConfigFree Launcher displays on your computer desktop. You can then click the appropriate icon on the Launcher to start the desired ConfigFree utilities.



(Sample Image) ConfigFree Launcher

ConfigFree Launcher can be set to hide from view when it is not in use. When this setting is active (set the ConfigFree Launcher to Auto-hide mode), you can re-display ConfigFree Launcher by moving the mouse cursor to the right of the screen.

(Sample Image) ConfigFree Launcher Auto-hide mode setting



(Sample Image) ConfigFree Launcher coming back into view

ConfigFree® Utilities

Connectivity Doctor

The Connectivity Doctor lets you analyze your network connections and fix network connection problems. Using Connectivity Doctor, you can view detailed network information by simply moving the mouse pointer.

The Connectivity Doctor works with the following network devices:

- Wired and wireless network devices
- Routers, hubs, and bridges
- Access points

The Connectivity Doctor displays the following information:

- WEP (Used, not Used)
- Wired connection line (link speed)
- Wireless connection line (signal strength and link speed)
- Location of wireless communication (identified with a yellow arrow)

NOTE

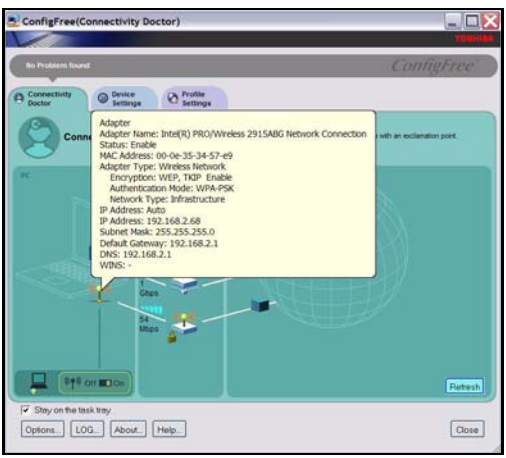
- To enable or disable wireless communication, use the Hot Key Fn+F8. For more information see "Hot Keys" on page 160.
- Each time you restart or reboot your computer, wireless communication is reset to enabled (ON) by default.

- Status of wireless communication switch

1. **Wired Network Devices**
2. **Wireless Network Devices**
3. **Router/Hub/Bridge**
4. **Access Point**
5. **Display if WEP key is set**
   This is not displayed if WEP is not set.
6. **Wired Connection Line**
   Displays the link speed.
7. **Wireless Connection Line**
   Displays the signal strength and link speed.
8. **Location of wireless communication switch**
   Displayed with a yellow arrow.
9. **Status of wireless communication switch**
   Displays whether the wireless communication switch is on or off.

(Sample Image) Connectivity Doctor screen

Moving the mouse pointer over a wired or wireless network device icon displays information about the device, such as its IP address, subnet mask, and MAC address. A wireless network device also shows information such as the network SSID and the device's Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) key settings.



(Sample Image) Viewing device information

If a problem or potential problem is detected, in most cases, a screen automatically displays showing you the possible cause and solution for the problem.

A triangle containing an exclamation point also appears on the Connectivity Doctor screen, and an orange frame describes the relevant location. You can also view the possible cause and solution for the problem by clicking the exclamation point. If multiple triangles display, you can toggle between each of their cause and solution information screens by clicking its exclamation point.

The following checkboxes and buttons are provided on the Connectivity Doctor screen:

Stay on the task tray	When checked, the ConfigFree® icon resides in the System tray.
Options	Displays ConfigFree settings screen.
Log	Lets you create a diagnostic log, view a history of log files, or delete the history. Log files are saved as CFhtml*xxxxx*.htm, where *xxxxx* is the creation date and time. The logs reside in the folder: C:\Documents and Settings*username*\Local Settings\Temp
About	Displays the version of Connectivity Doctor.
Help	Displays online Help.
Close	Closes the Connectivity Doctor screen.

Search for Wireless Devices

The Search for Wireless Devices utility searches for wireless LAN and *Bluetooth*® devices currently used in the neighborhood, and displays information about them on a virtual map.

NOTE

- To enable or disable wireless communication, use the Hot Key Fn+F8. For more information see "Hot Keys" on page 160.
- Each time you restart or reboot your computer, wireless communication is reset to enabled (ON) by default.

To search for wireless devices:

1 Click the icon in the System tray.

2 Click **Search for Wireless Devices**.

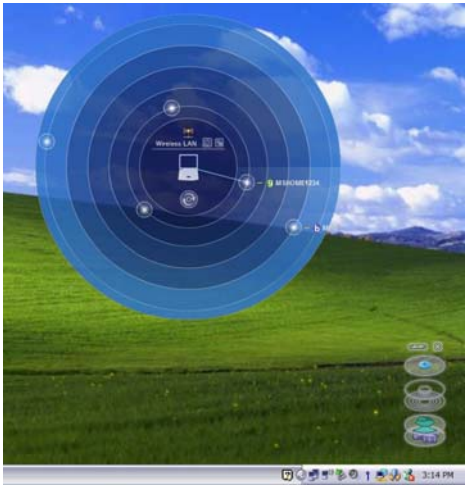
A virtual map appears with a graphical representation of the wireless devices that have been detected.

NOTE Search for Wireless Devices can also be started from the ConfigFree Launcher.

For Wi-Fi® networks, the intensity of a signal is displayed in five levels or "bands." The signal from the connected access point is displayed in the bands surrounding the computer icon at the center of the map. The closer to the center, the stronger the connection. Placing the pointer over the displayed "point of light" shows detailed information about the wireless device.

NOTE The wireless device shown near the center of the map is not necessarily near your computer. If a wireless device located a distance away also has a strong signal, it appears near the center of the map as well.

The Search for Wireless Devices feature identifies if a device is IEEE 802.11a, b, or g. It also includes an option to display hidden access point availability.



(Sample Image) Viewing Wi-Fi® devices

Creating a new wireless connection

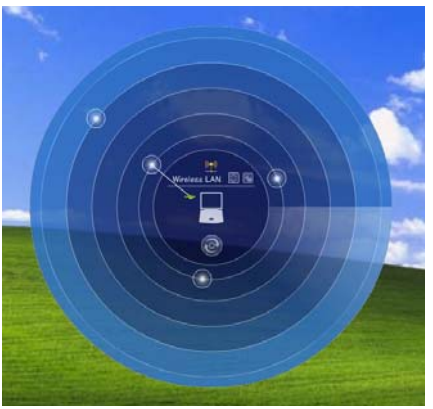
NOTE This feature is only supported on systems running Windows® XP SP3 or later.

NOTE

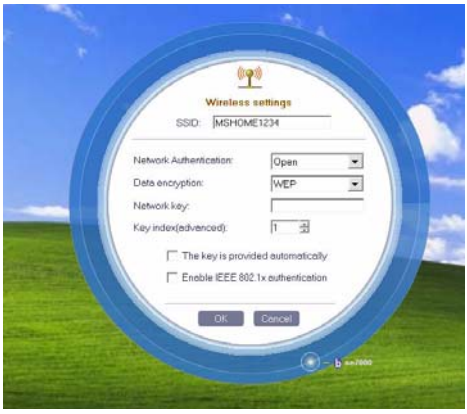
- To enable or disable wireless communication, use the Hot Key Fn+F8. For more information see "Hot Keys" on page 160.
- Each time you restart or reboot your computer, wireless communication is reset to enabled (ON) by default.

To add a new wireless connection to an Access Point:

1. Open the Search for Wireless Devices option from ConfigFree® Launcher.
2. Drag and drop the device you want to connect to on top of the computer icon at the center of the map. The Wireless Settings screen appears.



(Sample Image) Dragging a device to the Access Point



(Sample Image) Wireless settings screen

3 Enter the SSID/WEP information and connect to the device.

NOTE After the Access Point is set up and added to the connection list, the system displays the Connection screen rather than the Wireless settings screen.

Creating a detected device wireless connection

The following screen shows an example of *Bluetooth*® devices that are detected using the **Search for Wireless Devices** option. Moving the mouse cursor over a device icon displays information about the device.

(Sample Image) Viewing Bluetooth® devices

You can connect to devices shown on the *Bluetooth®* map:

1 Drag and drop the device you want to connect to the computer icon at the center of the map.

2 Configured devices are automatically connected. Devices not yet configured launch the Add New Connection Wizard, where you can configure and connect to the device.

Transferring files using *Bluetooth®*

There are several ways to use *Bluetooth®* to send files to other devices.

To select the device using the *Bluetooth®* radar screen:

- Open the *Bluetooth®* radar screen.
- Drag and drop the file directly onto the icon for that *Bluetooth®* device.

(Sample Image) Dragging the file to the Bluetooth® device icon

To be prompted for the device:

1 Drag and drop the file to the *Bluetooth®* radar icon on the ConfigFree® Launcher.

(Sample Image) Dragging the file to the Bluetooth® radar icon

Or, you can right-click the file and select **Send to Bluetooth Devices**.

(Sample Image) Selecting Send to Bluetooth® Devices option

2 Choose a file recipient.

3 Click **Send**.

NOTE During a file transfer, connecting and disconnecting to the selected device will occur automatically.

Disconnecting from a *Bluetooth®* device

To disconnect from a *Bluetooth®* device:

1 Place the cursor on top of the connected line. The icon changes to a pair of scissors.

2 Click to disconnect from the device.

Profile Settings

The Profile Settings utility lets you save network settings in "profiles." ConfigFree® profiles are useful for easily switching network settings and devices.You can switch network settings simply by selecting the profile with the desired settings.

If you visit a client company occasionally, for example, you can set up a profile to match that environment and connect to the network. Similarly, users who access networks in the office and at home can set up profiles to handle these networking environments.

A profile contains the currently configured network settings on the computer, as well as information about any network devices. The following settings can be saved (or "captured") in a profile:

- **Internet settings**—includes LAN settings (proxy server settings) and the address of a home page that opens automatically when Internet Explorer® starts
- **Devices**—lets you enable or disable settings of wired and wireless network devices, infrared devices, and set the power status of *Bluetooth*® antennas
- **TCP/IP settings**—includes DHCP, IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, DNS server, and WINS server settings
- Personal firewall settings for Internet connections
- Dial-up connection settings for the default connection
- File and printer sharing settings
- Printer settings for the default printer
- *Bluetooth*® Security Level (for example, high or medium)

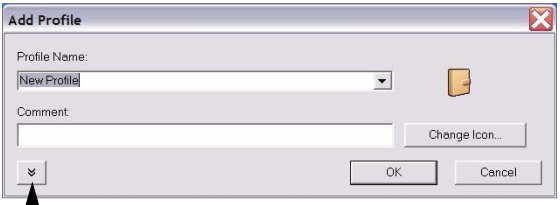
To create a profile:

1. Click the icon in the System tray.
2. Move the pointer to **Profile**.
3. Click **Add**. The Add Profile screen appears.
4. Select **Capture** and click **OK**. The Add Profile screen appears.
5. Enter the name of the profile you want to create.
6. Enter any optional comments, if desired.
7. Click **Change Icon** and select an icon for this profile.
8. Click the icon at the bottom of the screen to display more capture options.
9. Under **Captured Items**, select the items you want to capture for this profile.
10. If connecting with a wireless network, select the desired **Auto Switch Settings**. (These options are unavailable if wireless devices have been disabled.)

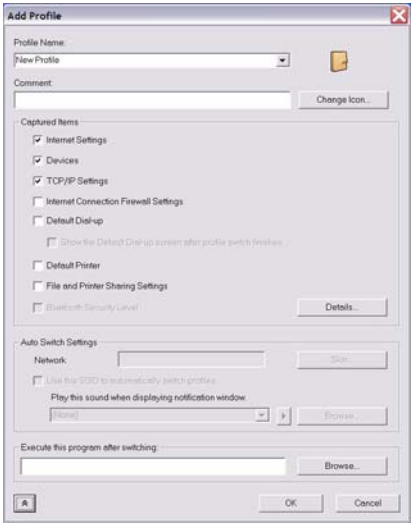
11 Under **Execute this program after switching**, click the **Browse** button and select the program, file, or Web site URL that is to start after switching to this profile.

For example, to have Internet Explorer® start in the Windows® operating system after switching profiles, type:
C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\IEXPLORE.EXE

12 Click **OK**.



(Sample Image) Add Profile screen



(Sample Image) Expanded Add Profile screen

NOTE The online Help provides real-world examples of setting up profiles for different networking environments.

After you set up one or more profiles, you can check their settings and fine-tune them as necessary. Profiles can also be imported and exported. This feature is useful when transferring profile settings to other computers. For more information about modifying, importing, and exporting profiles, refer to the online Help.

ConfigFree® SUMMIT

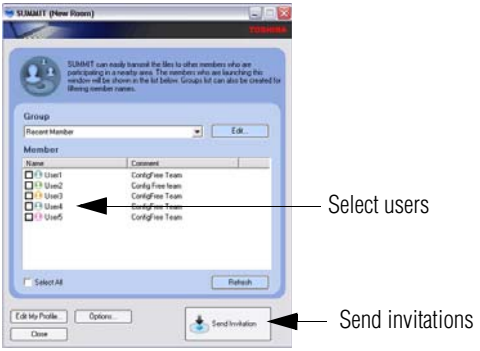
The ConfigFree® SUMMIT utility is a convenient way to share files with other users and to transfer files between your computers at home. This utility is faster and more dependable than sending the files via email.

Use this utility, which handles files regardless of size, to distribute presentations, reports, or music files to meeting attendees or to users at different locations.

The SUMMIT utility uses the following types of connections:

- Wireless LAN via Access Point
- Wireless LAN via Ad Hoc
- LAN (same subnet)
- *Bluetooth*® PAN/LAP
- Cross cable (Ethernet or Gbit Ethernet)

To host a ConfigFree SUMMIT, click the **SUMMIT** icon on the ConfigFree Launcher, select the users that you want to attend the SUMMIT meeting, and send them an invitation.



(Sample Image) Inviting users to SUMMIT meeting

When a user joins the SUMMIT, their icon appears on the SUMMIT table.

(Sample Image) Users attending SUMMIT meeting (user icons appear on SUMMIT table)

Files can be shared with one user or all users attending the meeting.

- To share a file with one user, drag and drop the file on the user's icon.

NOTE Only the SUMMIT Host (the initiator) can share files with multiple users by this method. SUMMIT users can share a file with only one other user.

(Sample Image) Sharing a file with one user

- To share a file with all users, drag the file to the center of the SUMMIT table where users can access it as desired.

NOTE If you are the Host of the summit, and drag a file to the center of the SUMMIT table, it will automatically be sent to all SUMMIT users who can then accept or decline the file as desired.

(Sample Image) Sharing a file with all users

NOTE Participating users must be connected by LAN, wireless LAN, or *Bluetooth*® (PAN). Firewall software may prevent ConfigFree SUMMIT from working.

Using ConfigFree SUMMIT

To host a ConfigFree SUMMIT:

1. Click the icon in the System tray.
2. Click **SUMMIT**. Other users appear on the SUMMIT main window.

NOTE SUMMIT can also be started from the ConfigFree Launcher.

3. Select the appropriate users and invite them to the SUMMIT meeting. As users join the SUMMIT, their icons appear on the SUMMIT table.
4. Use drag and drop to share documents with SUMMIT users:
   - ❖ To share a file with one user, drag the file to the user's icon.

- To share a file with all users, drag the file to the center of the summit table.

There are other ways to send files to users.

To send files to all SUMMIT users:

1. Right-click the file and select **Send to SUMMIT Devices**.
2. Click **Send**.

To send files to a user without creating a SUMMIT meeting:

1. Drag and drop the file to the Wireless radar icon on the ConfigFree® Launcher.
2. Right-click the file and choose a file recipient.
3. Click **Send**.

An Access Point may not always be available. To find out how to use Quick Connect to launch ConfigFree Summit, see "Direct Link Toshiba Device" on page 185.

Quick Connect

The Quick Connect feature includes two options:

- **Toshiba Wireless Projector.** Switches the Wireless LAN connection to connect to a Toshiba Wireless Projector
- **Direct Link Toshiba Device**. Launches ConfigFree® SUMMIT

Toshiba Wireless Projector

The Quick Connect feature switches the Wireless LAN connection to connect to a Toshiba Wireless Projector. Once the projector utility is installed, launching the Quick Connect utility automatically opens the Wireless Data Projector Application. There you can configure how you would like to use the projector.

To connect to a Toshiba Wireless Projector:

1. Click the icon in the System tray.
2. Use the pointing device to select the **Toshiba Wireless Projector (DPJ)**, then click **Connect**.

Launching Quick Connect prevents you from using the network to connect to a Toshiba Wireless Projector when the wireless LAN Configuration is set to Ad Hoc. If you are connected to an access point, the connection is broken and re-established later.

To review the current Toshiba Wireless Projector settings and change them if necessary:

1. Click the icon in the System tray.
2. Use the pointing device to select the **Toshiba Wireless Projector (DPJ)**, then click **Settings**. The Quick Connect properties dialog box appears.
3. Complete the settings. Refer to the online Help if necessary.
4. Click **OK**.

NOTE Because the wireless LAN's default connection setting is for Ad Hoc mode, the Toshiba Wireless Projector will not connect if the projector is set to Infrastructure mode. If this occurs, you can change the wireless LAN's connection setting to Infrastructure mode to match the settings on the projector.

(Sample Image) Projector icon when connected with Quick Connect

If the wireless mode for the wireless setting is set for 5 GHz (802.11a), Quick Connect changes this mode to 2.4 GHz (802.11b) and then connects to the projector.

The wireless LAN configuration returns to the settings that were last used before the Quick Connect function was started:

- If the Toshiba Wireless Projector utility is closed.
- If you select Toshiba Wireless Projector (DPJ) from the ConfigFree® tray menu (this disconnects the wireless LAN connection).
- If you select a profile from the ConfigFree tray menu or when you disable a wireless device.
- If you close ConfigFree.

Direct Link Toshiba Device

When Access Point is not available, use the Direct Link Toshiba Device feature to connect your computer in Ad Hoc (peer-to-peer) mode and use the Summit feature.

To use this feature:

1. Display the ConfigFree® menu.
2. Select the ConfigFree Link option from the Direct Link Toshiba Device submenu. This action switches the computer's wireless network setting to Ad Hoc mode, and launches the SUMMIT feature.

(Sample Image) Using the Direct Link Toshiba Device feature

Using the Automatic Switch

The Automatic Switch feature allows the computer to automatically switch profiles the next time it is powered on. This feature is particularly useful if you want your computer to automatically switch from the network configuration you use in your office to the one you use at home.

The Auto Switch feature contains options for automatically switching between wired and wireless devices. With these options, the computer automatically switches to a wireless LAN network when the cable of the wired LAN network is removed from the computer. When the cable is reconnected, the connection to the wired LAN is re-established.

To use the Automatic Switch feature:

1. Right-click the icon in the System tray.
2. Click **Auto Switch**. The Auto Switch dialog box appears.
3. Check **Enable Wireless when cable disconnect occurs**.
4. Click **OK**.

NOTE If your computer is connected to multiple wireless LAN devices, the Auto Switch (SSID) feature is disabled. To enable this feature, only one wireless LAN device can be used.

Semi-Automatic Switch Feature

The Semi-Automatic feature alerts you when the computer connects to a Service Set Identifier (SSID) stored in a profile. When the computer connects to the designated SSID, a notification window appears. You can then click this window to connect using the settings specified in the profile.

To use the Semi-Automatic Switch feature:

1. Right-click the icon in the System tray.
2. Click **Auto Switch**. The Auto Switch dialog box appears.
3. Select the **Auto Switch (SSID)** tab.
4. Select the profile to be automatically selected when the SSID is detected, then click **Add**. The profile is moved to the **List of target SSIDs and profiles**.

5 Repeat the previous step for each additional profile you want to select.

6 Select **Automatically switch profiles when connected to this SSID**.

7 Check **Automatically switch profile when connected to this SSID**.

8 Click **OK**.

The computer is now configured to use the Semi-Automatic Switch feature. When the computer connects to an SSID in a profile, a display notification window appears. You can then click **Switch** on the window to switch profiles. You can also set the option for having the switch be automatic without the need for a notification.

NOTE Several profiles can be defined for a single SSID. In this case, several notification windows are displayed. By clicking these windows, you can switch to the profile for that location.

Glossary

TECHNICAL NOTE: Some features defined in this glossary may not be available on your computer.

Acronyms

The following acronyms may appear in this user's guide.

AC	alternating current
BIOS	basic input/output system
bps	bits per second
CD	compact disc
CD-ROM	compact disc read-only memory
CD-RW	compact disc rewrite memory
CMOS	complementary metal-oxide semiconductor
COM1	communications port 1 (serial port)
COM2	communications port 2 (serial port)
CPU	central processing unit
DC	direct current
DMA	direct memory access
DIMM	dual inline memory module

DOS	disk operating system
DPI	dots per inch
DSTN	dual supertwist nematic
DVD	digital versatile (or video) disc
DVD-ROM	digital versatile (or video) disc read-only memory
ECP	enhanced capabilities port
EPROM	erasable programmable read-only memory
FAT	file allocation table
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
GB	gigabyte
HDD	hard disk drive
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
I/O	input/output
IRQ	interrupt request
ISP	Internet service provider
KB	kilobyte
LAN	local area network
LCD	liquid crystal display
LPT1	line printer port 1 (parallel port)
LSI	large-scale integration
MB	megabyte
MIDI	Musical Instrument Digital Interface
PC	personal computer
PCI	Peripheral Component Interconnect
PCMCIA	Personal Computer Memory Card International Association
RAM	random access memory
RFI	radio frequency interference
ROM	read-only memory
RTC	real-time clock
SCSI	small computer system interface

SDRAM	synchronous dynamic random access memory
SRAM	static random access memory
SSD	Solid State Drive
SVGA	super video graphics adapter
TFT	thin film transistor
USB	universal serial bus
URL	uniform resource locator
WAN	wide area network
www	World Wide Web

Terms

The following terms may appear in this user's guide.

A

active-matrix display — A liquid crystal display (LCD) made from an array of liquid crystal cells using active-matrix technology. Also known as a "TFT display," in its simplest form there is one thin film transistor (TFT) for each cell. This type of display works well with computers because of its shallow depth and high-quality color. Active-matrix displays are viewable from wider angles than most passive-matrix displays.

adapter — A device that provides a compatible connection between two units. For example, the computer's internal display adapter receives information from the software and translates it into images on the screen. An adapter can take a number of forms, from a microprocessor to a simple connector. An intelligent adapter (one that is capable of doing some processing) may also be called a controller.

alternating current (AC) — The type of power usually supplied to residential and commercial wall outlets. AC reverses its direction at regular intervals. Compare *direct current (DC)*.

application — A computer program that you use to perform tasks of a specific type. Applications include word processors, spreadsheets, and database management systems. See also *program*.

B

backup — A copy of a file, usually on a removable disk, kept in case the original file is lost or damaged.

basic input/output system (BIOS) — See *BIOS*.

baud rate — The speed at which a communication device, such as a printer or modem, transmits information. Baud rate is the number of signal changes per second (not necessarily the same as bits per second). See also *bits per second*.

BIOS (basic input/output system) — Basic instructions, stored in read-only memory (ROM), containing the information the computer needs to check hardware and load the operating system when you start up the computer.

bits per second (bps) — A way of measuring the speed at which information is passed between two devices. This is the basic unit of measure used in modem communications, and is similar, but not identical, to the baud rate. See also *baud rate*.

boot — To start the computer. The term "boot" originates from bootstrap program (as in "pulling itself up by its bootstraps"), a program that loads and initializes the operating system. See also *reboot.*

boot disk — See *system disk.*

boot priority (startup sequence) — The order in which the computer accesses its internal storage drives to locate the startup files. Under the default startup sequence, the computer looks for the startup files in the diskette drive before checking the internal storage drive.

bus — An electrical circuit that connects the central processing unit (CPU) with other parts of the computer, such as the video adapter, disk drives, and ports. It is the pathway through which data flows from one device to another. See also *bus speed*, *frontside bus*.

bus speed — The speed at which the central processing unit (CPU) communicates with the other parts of the computer.

C

cache — A section of very fast memory in which frequently used information is duplicated for quick access. Accessing data from cache is faster than accessing it from the computer's main memory. See also *CPU cache, L1 cache, L2 cache.*

CD — An individual compact disc. See also *CD-ROM.*

CD-ROM (compact disc read-only memory) — A form of high-capacity storage that uses laser optics instead of magnetic means for reading data. See also *CD*. Compare *DVD-ROM.*

central processing unit (CPU) — The chip that functions as the "brain" of the computer. It takes information from outside sources, such as memory or keyboard input, processes the information, and sends the results to another device that uses the information.

character — Any letter, number, or symbol you can use on the computer. Some characters are non-printing characters, such as a paragraph break in a word-processing program. A character occupies one byte of computer storage.

chip — A small piece of silicon containing computer logic and circuits for processing, memory, input/output, and/or control functions. Chips are mounted on printed circuit boards.

click — To press and release the pointing device's primary button without moving the pointing device. In the Windows® operating system, this refers to the pointing device's left button, unless otherwise stated. See also *double-click*.

color palette — A set of specified colors that establishes the colors that can be displayed on the screen at a particular time.

compatibility — The extent to which computers, programs, or devices can work together harmoniously, using the same commands, formats, or language as another.

configuration — (1) The collection of components that make up a single computer system. (2) How parts of the system are set up (that is, configured).

controller — A device that controls the transfer of data from a computer to a peripheral device and vice versa. For example, disk drives, monitors, keyboards, and printers all require controllers.

CPU — See *central processing unit (CPU)*.

CPU cache — A section of very fast memory residing between the CPU and the computer's main memory that temporarily stores data and instructions the CPU will need to execute commands and programs. See also *cache, L1 cache, L2 cache*.

cursor — A symbol that indicates the current position on the screen. The shape of the cursor varies, depending on the program you are using and what you are doing.

D

default — The setting selected by a program when the user does not specify an alternative setting.

device — A component attached to the computer. Devices may be external (outside the computer's case) or internal (inside the computer's case). Printers, disk drives, and modems are examples of devices.

device driver — A program (called a "driver") that permits a computer to communicate with a device.

dialog box — An on-screen window displayed by the operating system or a program giving a direction or requesting input from the user.

direct current (DC) — The type of power usually supplied by batteries. DC flows in one direction. Compare *alternating current (AC).*

direct memory access (DMA) — A dedicated channel, bypassing the CPU, that enables direct data transfer between memory and a device.

directory — See *folder.*

disable — To turn a computer option off. See also *enable*.

disc — A round, flat piece of material, designed to be read from and written to by optical (laser) technology, and used in the production of optical discs, such as CDs and DVDs. Compare *disk.*

disk — A round, flat piece of material that can be magnetically influenced to hold information in digital form, and used in the production of magnetic disks, such as diskettes and hard disks. Compare *disc.* See also *diskette, hard disk.*

disk drive — The device that reads and writes information and programs on a diskette or hard disk. It rotates the disk at high speed past one or more read/write heads.

diskette — A thin, flexible disk in a protective jacket that stores magnetically encoded data. Diskettes can be removed from the computer and come in two sizes: 5.25-inch and 3.5-inch. Your computer uses 3.5-inch diskettes. See also *double-density diskette, high-density diskette.*

document — Any file created with an application and, if saved to disk, given a name by which it can be retrieved. See also *file*.

double-click — To press and release the pointing device's primary button rapidly twice without moving the pointing device. In the Windows® operating system, this refers to the pointing device's left button, unless otherwise stated.

double-density diskette — A 3.5-inch diskette that can hold up to 720 KB of information (half the capacity of a high-density diskette). See also *diskette, high-density diskette.*

download — (1) In communications, to receive a file from another computer through a modem or network. (2) To send font data from the computer to a printer. See also *upload*.

drag — To hold down the mouse button while moving the cursor to drag a selected object. In the Windows® operating system, this refers to the left mouse button, unless otherwise stated.

driver — See *device driver.*

DVD — An individual digital versatile (or video) disc. See also *DVD-ROM*.

DVD-ROM (digital versatile [or video] disc read-only memory) — A very high-capacity storage medium that uses laser optics for reading data. Each DVD-ROM can hold as much data as several CD-ROMs. Compare *CD-ROM.*

E

emulation — A technique in which a device or program imitates another device or program.

enable — To turn on a computer option. See also *disable*.

executable file — A computer program that is ready to run. Application programs and batch files are examples of executable files. Names of executable files usually end with a .bat or .exe extension.

expansion device — A device that connects to a computer to expand its capabilities. Other names for an expansion device are port expander, port replicator, docking station, or network adapter.

extension — See *file extension*.

external device — See *device.*

F

file — A collection of related information, saved on disk with a unique name. A file may be a program, information used by a program, or a document. See also *document.*

file allocation table (FAT) — The section of an internal storage drive that keeps track of the location of stored files.

file name — A set of characters that uniquely identifies a file within a particular folder. It consists of two parts: the actual name and the file name extension. See also *file extension.*

file extension — The three characters following the period (pronounced "dot") at the end of a file name. The extension indicates the type of file. Examples are .exe for program files and .hlp for help files. See also *file name.*

folder — Also called directory. A container for organizing files saved to a disk. A folder is symbolized on screen by a graphical image (icon) of a file folder. A folder can contain files and other folders.

format — (verb) To prepare a blank disk for use with the computer's operating system. Formatting creates a structure on the disk so the operating system can write information to the disk or read information from it.

frontside bus — The primary pathway (bus) between the CPU and the computer's main memory. Also called "system bus." See also *bus.*

function keys — The keys labeled F1 through F12, typically located on the keyboard. Their function is determined by the operating system and/or individual programs.

G

ground — A conductor to which all components of an electric circuit are connected. It has a potential of zero (0) volts, is connected to the earth, and is the point of reference for voltages in the circuit.

H

hard disk — A storage device composed of a rigid platter or platters that can be magnetically coded with data. Hard disks hold much more information than diskettes and are used for long-term storage of programs and data. The primary (or only) hard disk in a computer is usually fixed, but some computers have secondary hard disks that are removable.

hardware — The physical components of a computer system. Compare *software.*

Hibernation — A feature of many Toshiba computers that saves to the internal storage drive the current state of your work, including all open files and programs, when you turn the computer off. When you turn on the computer again, your work is returned to the same state it was when the computer was turned off. See also *Standby, Suspend.*

high-density diskette — A 3.5-inch diskette that holds 1.44 MB of data. See also *diskette.*

hot key — (1) A feature in which certain keys in combination with the Fn key can set system options or control system parameters, such as the battery save mode. (2) A key or combination of keys that activates a memory resident program.

hot swapping — The ability to add or remove devices from a computer while the computer is running and have the operating system automatically recognize the change.

I

icon — A small image displayed on the screen that represents a function, file, or program.

interlaced — A method of refreshing a computer screen, in which only every other line of pixels is refreshed. Interlaced monitors take two passes to create a complete screen image. Compare *non-interlaced.*

internal device — See *device.*

Internet — The decentralized, world-wide network of computers that provides electronic mail, the World Wide Web, and other services. See also *World Wide Web.*

K

keyboard shortcut — A key or combination of keys that you use to perform a task instead of using a pointing device such as a mouse.

L

L1 (level one) cache — Memory cache built into the processor to help improve processing speed. See also *cache, CPU cache, L2 cache.*

L2 (level two) cache — Memory cache installed on the motherboard to help improve processing speed. It is slower than L1 cache and faster than main memory. See also *cache, CPU cache, L1 cache.*

LAN (local area network) — A group of computers or other devices dispersed over a relatively limited area and connected by a communications link that enables any device to interact with any other on the network.

liquid crystal display (LCD) — A type of display that uses a liquid substance between two transparent electrode panels. When an electric current passes through the electrodes, the molecules in the liquid form a crystalline pattern that polarizes the light passing through it. A filter over the electrodes permits only non-polarized light to pass to the surface of the display, creating light and dark pixels.

load — To move information from a storage device (such as a hard disk) into memory for processing.

local area network — See *LAN*.

logical drive — A section of a disk that is recognized by the operating system as a separate disk drive. A system's logical drives may differ from its physical drives. For example, a single hard disk drive may be partitioned into two or more logical drives.

M

memory — Typically refers to the computer's main memory, where programs are run and data is temporarily stored and processed. Memory can be volatile and hold data temporarily, such as RAM, or it can be nonvolatile and hold data permanently, such as ROM. A computer's main memory is RAM. See *RAM*, *ROM*.

microprocessor — See *central processing unit (CPU)*.

MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) — A standard for connecting musical instruments, synthesizers, and computers. The MIDI standard provides a way of translating music into a form computers can use, and vice versa.

modem — Short for "modulator/demodulator." A device that converts information from digital to analog, and back to digital, enabling information to pass back and forth between digital computers and analog telephone lines.

motherboard — The computer's main circuit board that contains the processor, memory, and other primary components.

MS-DOS prompt — See *system prompt*.

multi-function drive — A DVD drive that can read and write to CD and DVD media.

multimedia — A combination of two or more media, such as sound, animation, and video in a computer program or presentation.

Musical Instrument Digital Interface — See *MIDI*.

N

network — A collection of computers and associated devices that are connected by communications facilities. A network allows you to share data and peripheral devices, such as printers, with other users and to exchange electronic mail.

non-interlaced — A method of refreshing a computer screen, in which each pixel of every line is refreshed as the electron beam scans across and down the screen. Compare *interlaced.*

non-system disk — A disk for storing programs and data that cannot be used to start the computer. Compare *system disk*.

O

online — Available through the computer. Online may refer to information being read from your own computer's internal storage drive, such as online documentation or online Help, or to information coming from another company on a company network or the Internet.

operating system — A set of programs that controls how the computer works. Examples of operating systems are the Windows® XP Tablet PC Edition and Windows® XP Home operating systems.

optical drive — A drive which reads plastic coated discs on which information is recorded digitally, and uses a laser to read data, music, or videos.

P

palette — See *color palette.*

parallel — Processes that occur simultaneously. In communications, it means the transmission of more than one bit of information at a time. On your computer, the parallel port provides a parallel communications interface between the computer and an appropriate device. Most modern printers are parallel. Compare *serial.*

password — A unique string of characters entered by a user to verify his or her identity to the computer or the network.

PC Card — A credit-card-sized expansion card designed to increase the capabilities of computers. PC Cards provide functions such as modem, fax/modem, hard disk drive, network adapter, sound card, or SCSI adapter.

peripheral — Any device, such as a printer or joystick, that is attached to the computer and controlled by the computer's CPU.

pixel — Short for "picture element." The smallest dot that can be produced on a screen or printer.

Plug and Play — Generally, refers to the computer's ability to automatically configure itself to work with peripheral devices. When capitalized, refers to a standard that, when followed by a device manufacturer, allows a computer to configure itself automatically to work with the device.

pointing device — Any device, such as the TouchPad or a mouse, that enables you to move the cursor on the screen.

port — A socket on the computer where you plug in a cable for connection to a network or a peripheral device.

processor — See *central processing unit (CPU)*.

program — A set of instructions that can be executed by a computer. The general classes of programs (also called software) are operating system, application, and utility. See also *operating system, application, utility*.

properties — The attributes of an object or device. For example, the properties of a file include the file's type, size, and creation date.

R

RAM (random access memory) — *Volatile* memory that can be written to as well as read. *Volatile* here means that information in RAM is lost when you turn off your computer. This type of memory is used for your computer's main memory. See also *memory*. Compare *ROM*.

random access memory — See *RAM*.

read-only memory — See *ROM*.

reboot — See *boot*, *restart*.

removable disk — A disk that can be removed from a disk drive. A diskette is one example of a removable disk.

resolution — A measure of the sharpness of the images that can be produced by a printer or displayed on a screen. For a printer, resolution is expressed in dots per inch (dpi). For a screen, it is expressed as the number of pixels available horizontally and vertically.

restart — Synonymous with reboot. To reset the computer by reloading the operating system without turning the computer off. See also *boot*.

RJ11 — A modular connector used on most U.S. telephone systems and direct-connect modems. The RJ11 connector is a 6-wire connector.

ROM (read-only memory) — Non-volatile memory that can be read but not written to. *Non-volatile* here means that information in ROM remains whether or not the computer is receiving power. This type of memory is used to store your computer's BIOS, which is essential instructions the computer reads when you start it up. See also *BIOS, memory.* Compare *RAM.*

S

select — To highlight or otherwise specify text, data, or graphics with the intent to perform some operation on it.

serial — Processes that occur one at a time. In communications, it means the transmission of one bit at a time sequentially over a single channel. On your computer, the serial port provides a serial interface between the computer and an appropriate device. Compare *parallel.*

shortcut — See *keyboard shortcut*.

software — See *program.* Compare *hardware.*

solid state drive — A data storage device that utilizes solid-state memory as opposed to a hard disk (see *hard disk*). Much like hard disks, solid state drives hold much more information than diskettes and are used for storage of programs and data.

Standby — A feature of some Windows® operating systems that allows you to turn off the computer without exiting your open applications and to continue from where you left off when you turn the computer on again.

Suspend — A feature of some Windows® operating systems that allows you to turn off the computer without exiting your open applications and to continue from where you left off when you turn the computer on again.

system disk — A diskette that contains the operating system files needed to start the computer. Any diskette can be formatted as a system disk. A system disk is also called a "bootable disk" or a "startup disk." Compare *non-system disk.*

system prompt — The symbol (in the MS-DOS® operating system, generally a drive letter followed by a "greater than" sign) indicating where users are to enter commands.

T

TFT display — See *active-matrix display.*

U

universal serial bus (USB) — USB is a serial bus that supports a data transfer rate of up to 480 Mbps (480 million bits per second). USB can connect up to 127 peripheral devices through a single all-purpose USB port. USB allows hot swapping of peripherals. See also *bus, hot swapping, serial.*

upload — To send a file to another computer through a modem or network. See also *download.*

USB — See *universal serial bus (USB).*

utility — A computer program designed to perform a narrowly focused operation or solve a specific problem. Utilities are often related to computer system management.

W

Web — See *World Wide Web.*

Wi-Fi® — A registered trademark term of the Wi-Fi Alliance that stands for Wireless Fidelity, and is another term for the communication protocol to permit an Ethernet connection using wireless communication components.

World Wide Web (www) — The worldwide network of Web sites linked together over the Internet. A user of the Web can jump from site to site regardless of the location of the computer hosting the site. See also *Internet.*

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